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## 20,000 CROWD WATCHING A LONDON FOOTBALL MATCH.



Woolwich Arsenal football team is now the sole hope of the Southerners to win the Association Cup at the Crystal Palace on April 21, and the match they won against Derby County at Woolwich on Saturday attracted a crowd of 20,000.

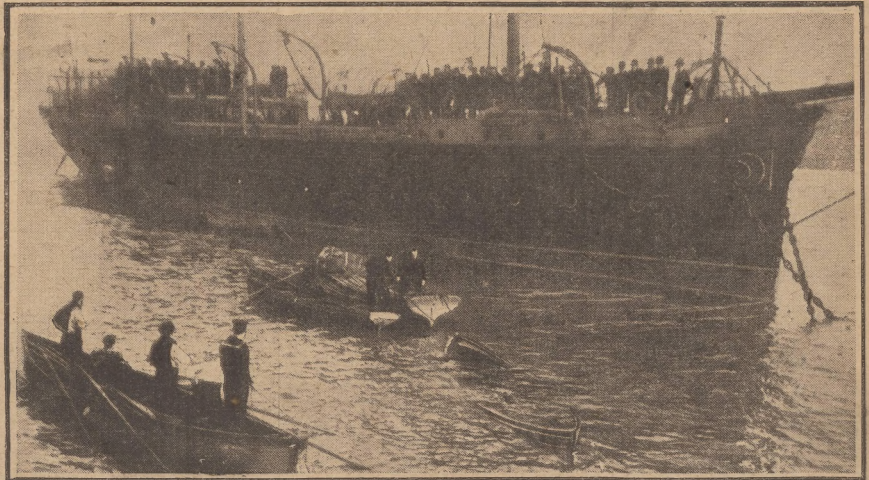
What an absorbingly interested crowd it was may be seen by the photograph, and it included a large number of soldiers, whose uniforms showed up bravely in the bright sunshine.

### "W. G." PLAYS GOLF.



In the golf match at Byfleet, Stock Exchange against Cricketers, Mr. W. G. Grace played for the latter.

### ACCIDENT TO BOAT OF H.M.S. BUZZARD ON THE THAMES.



During the races held on Saturday afternoon by the Naval Volunteers off Blackfriars Bridge, the launch of H.M.S. Buzzard, in coming alongside fouled and sank a whale-boat. In the photograph the sinking boat is seen being secured. Many hundreds of people witnessed this exciting incident from the Embankment.







# GERMAN SPIES IN LONDON.

Important Papers Stolen from  
a French Agent.

## INGENIOUS PLOT.

Victim Decoyed and Drugged by  
Three False Frenchmen.

## REMARKABLE STORY.

An extraordinary espionage affair in London has come to the knowledge of the *Daily Mirror*. Letters which show that France is at present preparing with all energy against the possible event of a rupture with Germany were stolen in London on Friday night from an Englishman in the service of the French Government. The thieves were three Frenchmen, who are obviously in the pay of Germany.

The Englishman, who was formerly an officer in the British Army, and who was aware that for some days he had been shadowed by spies, paid a visit on the night in question to a lady who is a near relative of a former French Minister of War. At the lady's house, which is situated in the neighbourhood of Shepherd's Bush, he was handed a packet of letters, addressed to him by the ex-Minister of War.

### FRANCE'S WARLIKE PREPARATIONS.

The letters, sent as they were by a close friend, contained information of the greatest importance. They stated that France was purchasing enormous quantities of hay for transmission to the frontiers, and that the War Department was working night and day to prepare for a campaign that might follow the termination of the Algeiras Conference, and contained the names of several of the Englishman's friends who would take high command in the event of war.

After reading the letters—which, because of their importance, had not been sent through the post, but carried by a trusted messenger—the Englishman left his hostess's house and made his way to the tube station at Shepherd's Bush.

On the way he called in at an hotel and called for refreshment. Soon afterwards he heard a greeting in French, and a man with the tanned face and rigid manner of a recently-discharged soldier introduced himself as an ex-corporal in the Second Zouaves, whom the Englishman had known in Paris and Madagascar.

He also introduced a friend in the person of a former corporal in the French Foreign Legion, and a third man, also a Frenchman, who was apparently an artisan.

### DRUGGED TEA AND COFFEE.

Used as he was to the intrigues of foreign diplomacy, the Englishman, obtaining proof from two of the men that they had served France in the field, allowed himself to be persuaded to accompany the men to their lodgings in the vicinity.

"When, at midnight, we arrived at the Frenchmen's lodgings," said the Englishman last night to the *Daily Mirror*, when seen at his hotel, "one of the Frenchmen made tea over a stove, and, as we talked about doings in Madagascar and Algiers, where I was a close friend of General Willoughby, we drank a mixture of coffee and tea."

"Then I suddenly went to sleep, and it was not till three hours afterwards that I woke. Then, not suspecting anything, I prepared for my journey homewards."

### THE WRONG OVERCOAT.

"One of the men helped me up with an overcoat which I thought was mine until I reached my rooms. Then, feeling for some tobacco, I put my hand through a hole in one of the pockets, and I discovered that during my sleep my brand-new coat had been replaced by an old one of very inferior cut."

"Instantly my hand went to the pocket where my papers had been. They were gone!"

"I knew then that the Frenchmen were traitors to their country—deserters, in all probability, who had been bought with German gold."

"I drove to Scotland Yard and reported my loss. But what is the good? By this time the papers have doubtless been photographed and copies sent to the Secret Service in Berlin."

## HOPE AT ALGERIAS.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, Sunday.—A more hopeful turn has been given to the Moroccan dispute, the general feeling being that French firmness will be rewarded.

The Conference does not meet to-morrow, but when the delegates assemble on Tuesday it is probable that the German delegates will display

the same conciliatory attitude as before, the French Ministerial crisis.

This development is attributed very largely to the unwavering support England has given to the whole French attitude.

"As to England," says the *Figaro*, "a faithful and loyal, she has just renewed her instructions to Sir Arthur Nicholson to give us absolute and unreserved support on all questions, and especially to second energetically the representations of France in the Casa Blanca affair."

The Algerias correspondent of the *"Echo de Paris"* learns that at the last moment Germany will give way about Casa Blanca.

The correspondent of the *"Matin"* is equally optimistic. "It is not probable," he writes, "that the Kaiser, on whom the happy issue of the Conference depends, will accept the responsibility of a rupture, and the general impression seems to be that an agreement will certainly be arrived at."

## THE KING'S COMPLIMENT.

His Majesty Wishes That We Had a Little French  
Sunshine in England.

BIARRITZ, Sunday.—King Edward will prolong his stay here until March 28. To-day his Majesty attended the Anglican Church. At night there was a torchlight tattoo.

His Majesty yesterday witnessed some cross-country racing near Biarritz, afterwards proceeding to the golf links, where, at his Majesty's request, the band of the 57th Regiment, composed of seventy-three musicians of Bordeaux, gave a concert.

The King remained under his tent for two hours enjoying the beautiful weather, and lunched there with a few friends. Meeting M. Forsans, the Mayor of Biarritz, his Majesty thanked him for the courtesy shown him by the authorities, saying: "I wish to tell you that you live in a very lovely country. We should like to have a little of your sun in our country, for we have nothing like it."

Reuter.

## KING CHARLES TO ABDICATE.

Little Prince Carol, Grand-Nephew of King Edward,  
Likely To Succeed at Once.

PARIS, Sunday.—A Bucharest telegram to the *"Echo de Paris"* states that, for reasons of health, the abdication of King Charles of Roumania is certain. He will be succeeded by little Prince Carol, son of the heir-presumptive, who was born in 1893, and belongs to the Greek Church, which his father does not.—Exchange.

The little Prince is the most beloved child in Roumania. Twice he has been at the point of death, and the prayers of the nation went up for his recovery. He was the hero last year of a charming little incident, which further endeared him to the country.

The King and a Minister were discussing the poverty of a certain district in a room in which the child was playing with his toys. He listened for a moment, and then quitted his game and ran across the room.

"Do not be sad, uncle," said the little fellow; "I have a gold piece in my purse mamma gave me. I will send them that."

The King took the money, and had it sent to the mayor of the district. From him an army captain purchased the coin, framed it, and placed it in the barracks. When Prince Carol comes of age the piece of money will be returned to him.

## HUNDREDS OF LIVES LOST.

Terrible Earthquake in Formosa—Landslides and  
Floods in Brazil.

A terrible earthquake has occurred at Kagi, Formosa.

Several hundred buildings have been destroyed, says Reuter, and many hundreds persons killed and injured. Laffan says there were 8,000 casualties.

Our dispatches from Brazil, says Reuter. A violent storm caused landslides and floods at different points in the neighbourhood of Rio de Janeiro, and twenty persons were killed and injured.

No fewer than twelve landslips occurred at Petropolis, where fifty lives were lost and many persons injured.

## MUTINEER SCHMIDT TO BE SHOT.

SEBASTOPOL, Sunday.—Admiral Chukhin has rejected the appeal of Lieutenant Schmidt, leader of the Black Sea mutiny, against the sentence of death passed on him by the court-martial, but it has been commuted to death by shooting instead of hanging.—Reuter.

## SHERIFF OUTWITS LYNCHERS.

OMAHA, Saturday.—The sheriff safely took out some of the mob, who were waiting to lynch, disguised as his deputies, after telling them that if they made any attempt to escape he would denounce them to the mob. Later on he put them back in gaol.—Laffan.

# ROMANCE OF A MINEOWNER.

Death of Australian Millionaire Who Saved  
a City from Ruin.

MELBOURNE, Monday.—The death is announced of Mr. George Lansell, the Bendigo mineowner.—Reuter.

The death of Mr. George Lansell removes one of the most picturesque figures in the history of Australian mining.

Mr. Lansell was the chief owner of the most important mines at Bendigo, the chief centre of quartz mining in Victoria.

By his courage and faith in the future of the Bendigo field Mr. Lansell at one period in its history prevented the field from being practically abandoned.

The gold in the shallower workings had been exhausted, and all the experiments in sinking deeper were failures.

"You must go deeper still," said Mr. Lansell, and risked the whole of his fortune to justify his opinion.

The workings reached a depth beyond which gold had never been found in Australia. Mr. Lansell held on confidently. Jests and half-pitying sympathy passed by him unheeded. Down, down, went his miners till nearly a mile below the surface of the earth they found the rich gold-bearing quartz.

Then it was found that Mr. Lansell had been provident as well as plucky. He had bought controlling interests in most of the mines that were then being worked in a half-hearted fashion, but which proved valuable bonanzas at lower depths.

Mr. Lansell's pluck made him a millionaire, and the hero of the 40,000 people who get their living in the prosperous city of Bendigo.

One of his peculiarities was the fact that he never countenanced the introduction of outside capital, as was so largely done in the West Australian mines.

As a consequence, the wealth of the Bendigo mines was locally distributed, and their shares have never even been quoted on the London market.

## SEARCH FOR THE DEAD AT COURRIERES.

Prospect of the Galleries Being Set Ablaze Again  
During Salvage Operations.

LENS, Sunday.—It is possible that the galleries in the Courrieres mines will be set ablaze again in the work of cutting through the barriers to reach the pits.

In that case the salvage gangs will approach as near the fire as possible, and stretch a wet canvas screen across the gallery, behind which they will shelter themselves, while a fireman wearing a respirator will pour a stream of water on the flames.

In this way it is hoped that it will be possible to extinguish the fires, and then the work of recovering the bodies will be resumed.—Reuter.

In the *"Courier Européen"* Professor Milhaud says that the dividends paid by the company were 200 per cent. in 1890; 766 in 1891; and 1,040 in 1903.

## MIDNIGHT TELEGRAMS.

Prince Arthur of Connaught will arrive at Victoria, British Columbia, from Japan, on March 28.

A St. Petersburg message states that the Tsar has refused to receive either General Kuropatkin or General Linievitch.

It is rumoured in Italian diplomatic circles that Princess Ena of Battenberg will go to Rome to visit the Pope before her marriage to King Alfonso.

On their arrival at Mombasa, East Africa, yesterday, the Duke and Duchess of Connaught were presented with an address enclosed in an ivory tusk.

The Japanese Chamber has, by 243 votes to 103, agreed to the nationalisation of the railways. It is estimated that £50,000,000 will be required for the purchase.

The death took place suddenly, at Burton-on-Trent yesterday, of Lady Bullard, relict of the late Sir Harry Bullard, M.P., who was three times Mayor of Norwich.

Bricks, stones, and pokers were thrown during a conflict at Liverpool, yesterday between Protestants and Roman Catholics in connection with a St. Patrick's demonstration. Six people were injured.

According to a telegram from Constantinople the Porte has addressed a Note to the Persian Ambassador maintaining that the territory on the frontier now in dispute is incontestably Turkish. It is believed that Persia will request the mediation of Great Britain and Russia.

## TO-DAY'S WEATHER.

Our special weather forecast for to-day is:—Moderate or fresh northerly winds; cold showers, with bright intervals; snow in places; frost at night.  
Lighting-up time, 7.8 p.m.  
Sea passages will be moderate to rather rough.

# MR. CHAMBERLAIN ON "PIGTAILS."

Stinging Reply to Mr. Winston  
Churchill's Attack.

## "MERE HYPOCRISY."

Mr. Chamberlain, in a letter to the *"Times"* to-day, gives a stinging reply to Mr. Winston Churchill's attack on his action with regard to the Chinese labour question.

In a correspondence published in the *Daily Mirror* on Saturday, Mr. Churchill plainly said the slump in South African securities was principally due to the "lugubrious and pessimistic orations" of Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Balfour. Mr. Chamberlain's course was "especially deplorable."

Mr. Churchill twitted Mr. Chamberlain with "dwelling with portentous solemnity on what he represented to be an approaching conflict between the Mother-country and South Africa," and said his tactics "ill-become a statesman at whose bidding this country has squandered upon South Africa blood and treasure inestimable."

### "POLITICAL MR. TURVEDROP."

Mr. Chamberlain's reply is as follows:—

40, Prince's-gardens, S.W.

March 17, 1906.

Sir,—When Mr. Winston Churchill became Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies he explained to an interested world that he had accepted this "humble position" because it would give him "an opportunity of keeping an eye upon Mr. Chamberlain," thus implying that the opportunity of criticising a political opponent was more important in his eyes than a share in the Government of the British Empire. I assume that this self-imposed mission accounts for the rather impertinent letter to which you refer in your leading article to-day.

I am not seriously concerned with Mr. Churchill in his new character as a political Mr. Turvedrop and professor of parliamentary department, but for the benefit of his unknown correspondent, I ask you to allow me to point out that the position of the Opposition in this matter is not as inconsistent as Mr. Churchill supposes.

Our view is that in present conditions no necessity exists for Imperial interference, and that the question of Chinese labour is one that may properly be left to the free and unfettered discretion of the responsible Government which is to be ultimately established in the Transvaal.

### "PHARISAICAL UTTERANCES."

The charge of slavery has been withdrawn, and the members of his Majesty's Government have no little faith in the accusations made during the election to which they owe their abnormal majority, that they refuse absolutely to institute that impartial and judicial inquiry into the facts which has been asked for by the Opposition and by the representatives of the mining industry.

Some of them, however, while shrinking from investigation, strive to satisfy their extreme supporters by declaring the system now in operation to be "repugnant to morality," and it has accordingly become necessary for the Opposition to point out that these pharisaical utterances, like the grosser charges made during the election, are the merest hypocrisy, since if they were sincerely put forward it would be the duty of the Government, while they are still directly responsible for the Government of the Transvaal and at whatever cost in the way of compensation or otherwise, to take immediate steps to bring an immoral policy to a close.

His Majesty's Government, however, first decided to allow it to go on as long as the power to stop it was in their own hands, but to throw the ultimate responsibility of continuing or abolishing it upon the new Transvaal Government.

### THE PIGTAIL SECTION.

Finding that this latest imitation of the decision of Pilate was unacceptable to the pigtail section of their party, they have now announced that, while allowing the new Transvaal Government to decide against the immigration of Asiatics, they will actively intervene to overrule their decision if it should prove to be in favour of the existing system.

It appears, therefore, that the Imperial definition of a self-governing colony is a State whose responsible Government is expected to communicate its measures to the Colonial Office beforehand, and if, as is considered probable by Mr. Churchill, these measures are in conflict with the moral ideas of the party administration then in Downing-street, they are to be unhesitatingly vetoed.

Of all possible solutions this is the worst. It is unconstitutional, inconsistent with declared Liberal principles, and insulting to the Colonies, and I do not hesitate to repeat that if this new assertion of Imperial authority is ever acted upon it will inevitably provoke a serious conflict between the Mother-country and any Colony that should be first made the subject of such an experiment. I am, Sir, yours obediently (signed), J. CHAMBERLAIN.



## THE DROWNING SEASON BEGINS.

Spring-Like Week-End Accompanied  
by Boating Disasters.

### MAJOR TO THE RESCUE.

The glorious weather of Saturday—it was the hottest day for six months past—brought with it the first holiday disasters of the year.

Besides a score of mishaps, in which cyclists and motorists were concerned, two boating accidents of a most distressing nature are reported.

At Chester two youths, named Edward Allies and Arthur Williams, were upset while rowing in a small boat on the River Dee, which was much swollen by the recent rains. The small boat, venturing too near the weir, was caught by the swift current. It had descended the rapid before any help could be rendered, and was dashed broadside on against the stone causeway.

Both occupants were thrown into the water. Allies was at once swept away, carried down stream by the foaming current, and drowned. His companion was more fortunate. He succeeded in clinging to the upturned boat, and, in spite of the inciness of the water, was able to retain his hold until assistance came.

#### In a Salmon Coble.

His rescuer was Major Evelyn Wood, aide-de-camp to General Sir Francis Howard. The major lost no time in getting into a salmon cobble, and piloted his way across the dangerous stretch of water, happily arriving just in time to save the almost exhausted youth.

The second accident cost two lives. It occurred on the River Don at Aberdeen yesterday afternoon. Three lads, named respectively Harold Yeats, seventeen; Slater Matthew Mair, sixteen, a mill-worker; and Adam Middleton, fourteen, manned a boat for the purpose of crossing the river, which, owing to the recent heavy rain, was in high flood.

The boys were unable to control the craft, which was carried swiftly towards the sea, and, coming in contact with some boulders, the boat was upset, the lads being thrown into the water and drowned. A brother of the boy Middleton witnessed the accident from the river bank, but was unable to render any assistance.

### SUMMER IN WINTER.

London and the south on Saturday enjoyed the hottest day since September 29, when the shade temperature was 61.

In the City the thermometers registered shade temperatures ranging between 59deg. and 65deg.

Children paddled in the park ponds, the river was crowded with craft of all kinds, cyclists revelled on the dry roads, and the railway stations there transport to Richmond, Epping Forest, and the Surrey Hills could be obtained were crowded.

There was a considerable change yesterday, however, showers being frequent until the evening, when the air became much colder, snow and frost being forecasted.

### FOUNDERED IN SEVEN MINUTES.

In the dense fog which enshrouded the English Channel yesterday morning a serious collision took place about seven miles west of Dungeness, resulting in the loss of a steamer, but, happily, unaccompanied by loss of life.

The steamers concerned were the Portslade, of London, which was bound from Shields to Shoreham, and the Swale, a vessel of 600 tons gross register, which was owned by Messrs. John Co., of Liverpool, and on her way from Guernsey to London.

Captain Jones, of the Swale, gave the *Daily Mirror* last night a thrilling description of the accident.

#### Used the Siren.

"We were proceeding carefully when we observed the Portslade. She was bearing straight down on us, and naturally I expected her to alter her course. As she came on I used the siren. She took no notice, and the next moment I altered my own course. But I realised even then it was too late. Hardly had I shouted to the watch below when, with a terrific crash, the Portslade was into us, taring a huge rent amidships just before the bridge.

"We rushed for our lives, and managed to reach the Portslade."

In seven minutes the Swale foundered. The wrecked crew were lucky at Dover.

The steamer *Cap Roca*, of Hamburg, has been sunk by a collision off Portland, but the crew were rescued.

The schooner *Laura Williamson*, of Boston, ran ashore about half a mile on the Eastbourne side of Beachy Head near lighthouse yesterday morning.

A Reuter's message from Vigo yesterday stated that the steamer *Cap Roca*, from Buenos Ayres for Hamburg, struck on the river bank. She is a total loss, but her crew are safe.

## BLUE ROSES AT LAST.

After Years of Experiment American Floriculturists Score a Triumph.

Blue roses will possibly be worn in London during the coming season.

After long and costly experiments, the flower has at last been produced in America, and, although the secret of obtaining the colour has not been divulged, everyone will know how to grow blue roses within a few months.

A leading horticulturist told the *Daily Mirror* yesterday that the desired tint is given to the blooms by the sole aid of chemistry. The many experiments made have all been costly, and he added that, unless something much cheaper has been used by the American experts, the blue rose will only be obtainable by wealthy people.

With the use of various acids almost any flower could be changed in colour, although the best results would be obtained from white flowers. Having no colour, they would more readily adopt any tint.

From the experiments already made, it has been found that muriatic acid turned roses red, potash changed them to green, while alum imparted a lilac colour.

The American style is said to be the use of an inexpensive powder, which is sprinkled round the soil of the plant after being dissolved in water.

### WELCOME FOR TOGO'S HEROES.

Brave Japanese Officers To Be Honoured with a Mansion House Banquet.

Elaborate preparations are being made for extending a warm welcome to the 600 Japanese sailors who are to arrive in London on Friday.

Nearly all the officers and men played a distinguished part in the recent naval campaign in the Far East. These heroes will be shown over London, and next Monday the City will accord them the usual hospitalities.

The officers are to be entertained at lunch at the Mansion House, and a distinguished company will be invited to meet them. The men will be shown over the Mansion House and the Guildhall.

### EMPIRE'S "WEARIN' O' THE GREEN."

St. Patrick's Day Celebrations Lead to Exuberant Displays by Irishmen.

In every part of the Empire on Saturday "The Wearin' o' the Green" was the popular melody, and the "dear little shamrock" the favourite but-tonhole. Londoners used about eight tons.

The Very Rev. Canon MacFadden delivered an address in Gaelic at Westminster Cathedral, where the congregation numbered between 5,000 and 6,000.

Exuberant Irishmen made demonstrations in the streets. A hundred stormed an electric car at the Elephant and Castle shortly after midnight and announced their intention of remaining in a mass, inside and outside the car, to sing "The Wearin' o' the Green."

Policemen assisted the conductor to put off a number of the invaders, but the car resumed its journey with half a dozen undefeated sons of Erin sitting on the rails defying the overcrowding regulations.

### DEATH OF LORD HAMPTON.

Took Little Part in Public Affairs, but Was Devoted to the Art of Painting.

Lord Hampton died from pneumonia at his seat, Waresley Court, near Kidderminster, on Saturday. His lordship, who was the third baron, was born in 1848, and succeeded his half-brother in 1893. He was called to the Bar, but did not practise, nor did he take much part in public affairs.

He was devoted to art, and showed considerable talent in painting. His second son, the Hon. Herbert Stuart Pakington, of the Rifle Brigade, succeeds him.

### APPLEBY ELECTION RECOUNT.

In connection with the Appleby election recount, it is authoritatively stated that there were reserved by Lord Kerry's counsel for the decision of the judges four votes objected to on the recount and two votes rejected by the sheriff, while Mr. Leif Jones's counsel reserved nine votes objected to on the recount and two votes rejected by the sheriff.

Advised that his chances of gaining the seat were small, Lord Kerry decided not to proceed further.

### REMARKABLE ELECTION RECORD.

Mr. A. D. Michael, who has just tendered his resignation as head agent and secretary of the Wimbledon Division Central Conservative Registration Society, has acted as Conservative agent in various parts of Surrey for a period of forty years, and has had the good fortune never to have lost an election.

## NEW PLAY BY "G. B. S."

'Captain Brassbound's Conversion'  
Written for Miss Ellen Terry.

### A DRAMA OF RELIGION.

"I wrote the part of Lady Cicely in 'Captain Brassbound's Conversion' for Miss Ellen Terry," said Mr. Bernard Shaw to the *Daily Mirror* on Saturday.

Mr. Shaw—who, by the way, was not wearing a sprig of shamrock—thus confirmed a popular rumour about the play, which is to be produced at the Court Theatre to-morrow, with Miss Ellen Terry in the leading lady's part.

"One day," Mr. Shaw went on to explain, "Miss Terry remarked that she thought it was unlikely that anyone would ever write a part for her again—that she was now a grandmother, and considered too old.

"Thereupon I said that I would write her a part, and 'Captain Brassbound's Conversion' is the result.

#### Suits Miss Terry "to Perfection."

"Miss Terry is altogether admirable in the part, which suits her to perfection. We have just had our first dress rehearsal, and I am delighted with the smoothness with which everything has gone.

"Of course, to write a part for Miss Terry was not my sole purpose. I wanted to write a good play. It is simply a story of conversion, eminently suited for religious persons, who, I hope, will come to see it. It is a religious play.

"Captain Brassbound's one purpose in life is revenge. But instead of being met by the same spirit, he is suddenly confronted with its opposite. His wrath is met by practical Tolstoyism, and the revulsion in him is instant and complete. He is completely disarmed, and becomes a changed man.

#### Not Teaching Tolstoyism.

"Do not think I have set out to teach Tolstoyism. I have simply shown the effect on a wrongdoer of being met with that spirit.

"You remember Victor Hugo's 'Les Misérables'? A thief who has taken candlesticks from the church is arrested by the police and confronted by the priest. Instead of accusing the thief, the priest says, 'I gave him the candlesticks.'

"From that moment the man's life is changed. The priest's unexpected mercy effects his instant and complete conversion.

"I have not ridiculed anything, and, as I said, I do not think religious people need feel hurt by it.

"Anyway," Mr. Shaw concluded characteristically, "the result is an effective play."

### EMIGRANT'S SAD DEATH.



Mr. Stephen Cox, an emigrant passenger by the *s.s. Kensington*, on March 1, has been killed in a railway collision at Harrisburg.

### NEW SPHERE FOR WOMEN.

School To Be Opened in London Where Girls Will Be Trained as House Decorators.

The idea of house decorating as a profession for women is to take practical shape, and at Easter a school for training girls as specialists in this work will be opened in London.

Mrs. Gereth, the director of the school, has already achieved fame as a decorator, both of town and country houses.

Recently she received a commission from South Africa, and spent some months in that country designing and furnishing a little up-country hut which a wealthy South African had built for himself in the solitudes of the veldt.

The fees at the school will be moderate, and the pupils will receive a thorough grounding in architecture, carpentry, sanitation, and the artistic laws of furnishing and wall-papering.

### MAGISTRATE'S DOMESTIC WISDOM.

"Most married men," observed Colonel Garrett, chairman of the Straiford Bench, on Saturday, "have got something to put up with—even those of the Bench."

## ADMIRAL'S ROMANCE.

Crosses the Atlantic To Wed a Lady He Met Over Ten Years Before.

St. George's, Hanover-square, was the scene of the happy sequel to a romantic courtship on Saturday, when Rear-Admiral Joseph H. Foster, who has retired from the U.S. Navy, was married to Miss Josephine Hunt, a Gravesend schoolmistress.

More than ten years ago the bridegroom was the paymaster of a warship which anchored off Gravesend, while the bride was one of a party of visitors who accepted the hospitality of the officers at dinner on board.

Paymaster Foster had then a wife living in the States, but some years ago he was left a widower. Finding in his possession one of Miss Hunt's cards, he began a correspondence which led to his crossing the Atlantic some months ago, and again meeting his future bride.

The blind rector of Gravesend, the Rev. Canon E. L. Gedge, assisted by the Rev. John Salvey, vicar of Broxbourne, Herts, where the bride's parents reside, performed the ceremony.

The marriage was attended by only a few personal friends of the bride, who wore a purple travelling dress. The bridegroom wore his admiral's uniform. The honeymoon is being spent in the Isle of Wight.

### MR. REDMOND'S MENACE.

Says the Irish Party Will Rebel If Home Rule Is Not Brought Forward Next Year.

"The Irish Party is prepared to give the present Prime Minister a reasonable time in which to arrange his business," said Mr. W. Redmond, M.P., speaking at Bradford on Saturday night. But when next year came, Mr. Redmond went on to say, if the Government was not prepared to deal boldly and fairly with Home Rule for Ireland they would show that the Irish Party was an independent party.

Speaking at Manchester last night Mr. Redmond said he believed the England of the future would give Ireland all she could reasonably expect or demand, and had lost all the ridiculous fears of twenty years ago.

### DUDLEY-CARSON CORRESPONDENCE.

Ex-Lord Lieutenant Accuses Sir Edward Carson of "Gratuitously Misrepresenting" Him.

Lord Dudley, ex-Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, has authorised the publication of a spirited correspondence, which has recently passed between him and Sir Edward Carson, Solicitor-General in the late Government.

Lord Dudley says that he has been "gratuitously misrepresented," and takes exception to the fact that when it was said in the House recently that Lord Dudley had tried to govern Ireland according to Irish ideas Sir Edward Carson interjected, "Lord Dudley made statements both ways; that he would and that he would not."

Sir Edward Carson declines to apologise for the "gratuitous misrepresentation," and in the last letter of the correspondence Lord Dudley says: "I never made such an assertion, and that you should have formed an impression of that kind from any conversation with me confirms my belief that the violence of your opinions makes it quite impossible for you to estimate justly the standpoint of anyone whose views on such questions may be more moderate and tolerant than your own."

### NEW ZEALAND'S MATTERHORN.

Mountaineering Party on Mount Cook Endure Thirty-Five Hours of Incessant Climbing.

Mr. S. Turner, F.R.G.S., of London, and three New Zealanders have recently climbed Mount Cook, 12,349 feet, the highest of the New Zealand Alps—a feat in many respects unique in the annals of mountaineering.

It necessitated 10,000 feet of actual climbing, and the party had to endure thirty-five hours of actual going. There are no hills for resting, and it is a feat rarely, if ever, surpassed.

The start was made at 11 p.m., and after an entire night's climb the summit was reached in 13hrs. 45mins. The descent was begun early in the afternoon and ended in moonlight.

Showers of avalanches were seen, and the party had some exceptionally dangerous climbing, and rope-work. It took them five and a quarter hours to traverse one stretch of 2,000 feet, and for this 1,500 steps had to be cut in the ice.

### TWO SHILLINGS A DAY FOR M.P.s.

Interesting references to the days when M.P.s were paid have been found in the records of Hythe, Kent.

Payments to Sir Edward Sassoon's predecessors appear to have ranged from 2s. 6d. a day, and in 1419 Johannes Skynner, one of the then members, was paid 14s. 8d. for "wages in Parliament."



## £5,000 DIAMOND ROBBERY.

Parcel Stolen from Counter of Birmingham Post-Office.

### NO CLUES AT PRESENT.

Hatton-garden has been startled by another big diamond robbery.

Early on Saturday afternoon Mr. Isaac Eidinow, a diamond merchant, of 103, Hatton-garden, London, went to the post-office in Vittoria-street, Birmingham, to send a registered packet of stones to his brother in Amsterdam.

While addressing the label intended for the packet to his brother, Mr. Eidinow put a wallet containing £5,000 worth of diamonds on a small shelf at his side. In the detail of making out the registered packet he quite forgot that he had put the previous wallet on the shelf, and left the post-office without thinking any more about it.

A few minutes afterwards, on reaching a hotel close at hand, he realised what he had done and raced back to the post-office.

#### Packet Had Vanished.

He saw at once that the packet had gone. The postmaster was startled by his wild entry and torrent of frantic questions, but could give no comfort or information. The packet had gone, and neither the postmaster nor his assistants could throw any light on who had taken it.

The Birmingham detectives have done everything possible, but so far have obtained no suggestion of a clue. On Saturday night full particulars of the loss were telegraphed and telephoned to the police all over the country. Little hope is entertained, however, of getting back the jewels, as they can easily be altered and re-cut.

### MR. EIDINOW'S NARRATIVE.

Interviewed late on Saturday night, Mr. Eidinow said:—

"I had been working in the jewellery quarter all the morning. About two o'clock, having finished work for the day, I went to the post-office in Vittoria-street to dispatch a parcel of stones to my brother at Amsterdam.

"I was carrying a little wallet containing jewels of the value of nearly £5,000; and this I placed on a little shelf running at the side of the counter.

"Having registered my parcel I walked to the Goldsmiths' and Jewellers' Arms, at the corner of Hockley-street, and there I met a couple of men whom I knew to be jewellers.

"The conversation turned upon diamonds and, intending to display those I thought I had in my possession, I felt inside my vest. Then for the first time I discovered my loss. I at once rushed back to the post-office in Vittoria-street, but no one had seen anything of the missing bag, and could give me no information concerning it."

#### Previous Robbery Recalled.

Mr. Eidinow spoke with considerable emotion, and it was evident that he felt his loss keenly. When asked by the detectives whether he suspected anyone he replied with a definite negative, and said that the statements already published to the effect that he had for days been shadowed by three men were quite imaginary.

Mr. Eidinow is a frequent visitor to Birmingham, and at the time of the robbery had diamonds on him to the value of £20,000.

Birmingham has acquired an unenviable reputation for big diamond robberies. Exactly a year ago M. Glatteaur, of the Paris firm of MM. Glatteaur Freres, was robbed of over £10,000 of jewels in a chemist's shop in Colmore-row, Birmingham, under circumstances almost exactly similar. He put down one of his packets of jewels, and in a flash it was gone.

When M. Glatteaur left Paris he had round his waist a belt to which were attached three bags containing the jewels. Along with him, but unknown to him, went a gang, who followed him to Cairo, Alexandria, Calcutta, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Yokohama, Honolulu, San Francisco, New York, and London.

Their opportunity came when for a moment he relaxed his vigilance in the Birmingham shop, and very few of the jewels were recovered.

### BOY'S ATTEMPT TO DERAIL A TRAIN.

A youth of fifteen—Thomas George Wright—was committed for trial, at Ely on Saturday, on a charge of placing a sleeper across the Great Eastern Railway line at Prickwillow (Cambridgeshire).

### CANDLE CAUSES TWO DEATHS.

William and Margaret Ellen Baxter, husband and wife, were found dead in bed yesterday at their lodgings in Rotherhithe, London.

They had evidently been suffocated by smoke from a fire caused by a candle.

## CHARING CROSS REOPENED

Still Much To Be Done Before the Full Service Can Be Restored.

Charing Cross Railway Station, which is to be reopened for traffic this morning, presented a very dismal and desolate appearance yesterday.

The structural alterations are even now so far from complete that the full service will not be resumed at present, and many trains, which previously ran to and from Charing Cross, will have to utilise Cannon-street Station as their terminus.

The new low roofs which are to cover the platforms separately are unfinished, while the greater part of the huge glass roof has still to be removed.

To accomplish this a titanic movable staging has been erected, at a cost of over £6,000. It weighs some 450 tons, and took 25,000 cubic feet of timber to construct.

In spite of the ruin and devastation caused by the collapse of the great roof the engineers of the new tube from Charing Cross to Euston and Hampstead have greatly benefited thereby.

The double tunnels of the tube had been bored when the accident occurred, and the engineers seized the opportunity of obtaining the consent of the South-Eastern and Chatham Company, who, for a consideration—rumoured to be £60,000—granted permission for a shaft to be sunk through the station-yard to the tunnel from above instead of boring from below.

## ALDWYCH PLEASURE PALACE.

Half a Million To Be Spent on a Great Building with Exhibition Galleries and Theatres.

After long parleys with interested persons the Improvements Committee has recommended the L.C.C. to let the central part of the crescent site in the Strand and Aldwych at £55,000 a year, for ninety-nine years, to a company to be formed with a capital of £1,000,000.

Half a million will be spent on the erection of a great building of commanding architectural features, containing large galleries for use in connection with a permanent exhibition of manufactures and arts, and also a concert hall, a theatre, and a restaurant. Beyond the central block the site will be enclosed by shops with basements, ground floors, and two floors above, the shops numbering 156.

In the central building and in the adjacent courts or verandahs meals will be provided, the promoters making their offer dependent upon being permitted to apply for a licence for the sale of beer, wines, and spirits, to be served at tables by waiters, although no bars are desired. In the theatre and facilities for refreshment will be provided as are usually allowed in theatres.

### "PROPERTY" IN NEWS.

Exchange Telegraph Company Brings Chancery Action to Secure Copyright of News.

Mr. Justice Buckley commenced in the Chancery Division on Saturday an important action regarding the supply of news.

The Exchange Telegraph Company applied for an injunction against Mr. F. Howard and the London and Manchester Press Agency, Limited, to restrain them from communicating to persons by telegraph, telephone, or other means news collected by the plaintiff company.

It was alleged that, in order to detect the action of the agency, the company sent out news of a character that could be identified as coming from their office alone.

On four different occasions plaintiffs had altered their cricket scores, and on each occasion the altered and wrong scores appeared in two different newspapers. Defendants admitted that they supplied information to these papers. The hearing was adjourned.

### £1,000 BOOK FOR 6d.

Rare First Edition Lost Through Being Accidentally Placed Among Some Cheap Volumes.

A curious story of how a volume for which £1,000 was once offered and refused was sold by mistake for 6d. is going the rounds of book circles in London.

A man, who probably is unaware of the extent of his bargain, entered the shop of Mr. Charles J. Sawyer, in New Oxford-street, and, looking through the bin of cheap literature, selected the first edition of Lady Anne Hamilton's "Secret History of the Court of England," for which he paid 6d.

How the volume, which contains a series of amazing revelations of the Courts of George III. and George IV., got into the bin for cheap books is not quite known. Up till Friday it was safe in a cabinet reserved for rare works.

Smiling, and treating the proceedings with laconic indifference, Charles Ernest Robert Taylor was again remanded at Coventry on Saturday on the charge of murdering Richard Phillips and his wife.

## ANARCHIST DEAD.

Johann Most, the Political Agitator, Dies in the United States.

### MANY TIMES IN PRISON.

Johann Most, one of the famous Anarchists of the century, died in Cincinnati, U.S.A., on Saturday of erysipelas.

His ideas frequently brought him to the prison cell.

In 1881, when he was editing a Socialist paper called "Freedom," in a cellar in Soho, London, he warmly applauded the assassination of the Emperor Alexander II., in consequence of which he was arrested, condemned to eighteen months' hard labour, and his paper and printing press were confiscated.

In the course of passing sentence Lord Coleridge told Most that but for the jury's recommendation to mercy he would have given him penal servitude. "I will not reduce you to the condition of a slave," said he. The Judge's eloquence, however, was lost on Most, to whom the exhortation had to be translated.

Soon after his London experience Most migrated to the United States, again starting his paper "Freiheit." The violence of his articles upon the established authorities soon placed him in the front rank of American Anarchists.

#### Boasted of Lawlessness.

In 1886 he boasted of having planned the Chicago disturbances, and was arrested, but afterwards released. Later in the same year he was sentenced to thirteen months' imprisonment, and in 1887 he was again arrested and sentenced.

All his life Most was a militant Anarchist. He was born in Augsburg in 1846, and when twenty-two years old forsook his trade of bookbinding to edit a Socialist paper in Berlin. His attacks on religion and property entailed several sentences of imprisonment in Germany.

In 1874 and 1877, however, he was returned to the Reichstag as member for Chemnitz.

## RAID ON A DEN OF COINERS.

Detective Watches from the Roof Coiners Hard at Work, and They Are Caught Red-Handed.

There was a suggestion of the sensational detective story in the evidence given at West Ham on Saturday against John Sweeney and Ernest Hayes, who were remanded on a charge of manufacturing counterfeit coin.

Sergeant Baker climbed to the roof of an out-house and saw Sweeney and Hayes very industriously making shillings. At 1.45 a dog barked, and Hayes said: "There's someone there." Sweeney said: "Take no notice, it's cats."

The sergeant got off the roof and obtained help, and on returning to his old position found the prisoners at work as busily as before. The sergeant heard a noise, and Sweeney said: "Here they come," and put a moulid into his pocket. Just then a number of detectives burst into the room, Baker climbed through the window, and the coiners submitted quietly to superior numbers.

### DEAF MUTE CANNOT PROSECUTE.

Case Falls Because a Husband Cannot Legally Interpret His Dumb Wife's Evidence.

A puzzling point regarding evidence presented an insurmountable difficulty to the Swansea magistrates on Saturday.

The complainant in an assault case was a Mrs. Osborne, a deaf mute. A strange feature of the case was that the prosecutrix had become deaf and dumb through shock occasioned some considerable time ago.

While carrying her child in her arms the baby was struck by lightning and killed.

She was unable to read or write and could not speak the deaf and dumb language, or make anyone understand except her husband.

When the wife appeared to give evidence she could not make the Bench understand, and, on the ground that by law a husband cannot interpret his wife's evidence, the case had to be dismissed.

### DEMONSTRATION AGAINST "DR." BODIE.

Eight of the medical students who took part in the hostile demonstration against "Dr." Bodie in the Leeds Tivoli Music-Hall last week were brought before the local Bench on Saturday, and remanded.

### CRUSHED BETWEEN CAR AND WALL.

It was stated at an inquest at Ashford on Saturday that Mr. F. Farrance, a well-known veterinary surgeon, had been crushed to death between a motor-car and a wall, the car running back from the slippery clay on to the pavement when the brakes were used.

## OUR TRIP TO PARIS.

Every Prospect of an Intensely Exciting Football Contest for the Visitors.

Those desirous of joining in the *Daily Mirror* holiday trip to Paris for the Rugby international match between England and France and the various entertainments connected with the Mi-Carême Carnival must make up their minds to-day. The *Daily Mirror* cannot guarantee any tickets unless requests reach the office by or before the first post to-morrow.

There is a great emigration of Rugby Unionists to Paris this week apart from the excursion of our own.

In view of Saturday's form on the part of England, France will have a formidable task before her. It will, however, probably take the Englishmen all their time to conquer. The Rugby Union authorities are by no means so easy in their mind as people are by no means so easy in their mind as people might imagine. The Frenchmen will turn out fit and well after a course of special training. Says that S. H. Osborne, the old Oxford Blue, plays for C. H. Shaw, the English fifteen will be the same as that which beat Scotland.

The party will leave Victoria on Wednesday, March 21, by the 2.20 p.m. train, and will arrive in Paris at 10.15 the same night.

On Friday they may return to London by either the 2.40 p.m. via Boulogne, which comes into Victoria at 10.45 in the evening, or the 8.40 p.m. via Calais, which arrives at 5.35 a.m. The tickets are available for a fortnight.

The foreign contest which is to take part in the Mi-Carême Carnival will arrive in Paris to-morrow, and will spend five days in the capital. A series of fêtes has been arranged for their entertainment.

And to-day is the last chance. Applications should be made at once to

The Manager,  
*Daily Mirror*,  
12, Whitefriars-street, E.C.

To-morrow there will be posted the final letters of allotment and regret.

## SISTER "SAVED FROM SHAME."

Reprieve for Soldier Brother Who Murdered Her in a Frenzy of Despair.

The Home Secretary has announced his intention of granting a reprieve in the case of John Shiel, the Newcastle ex-soldier who was sentenced to death for the murder of his young sister. Shiel's sentence will be commuted to one of penal servitude for life.

The case, it will be remembered, was one in which public opinion was strongly in favour of the condemned man.

He was haunted with the idea that his sister would be driven to a life of degradation, and rather than see her doomed to this he determined to take her life. He strangled her in a field, and when accused of the crime admitted it and said: "I saved her from shame."

## TRIUMPHANT "LA MATTICCHE."

Song That Is Hummed by the Cabinet Minister and Whistled by the Errand-Boy.

"La Maticche!"—the very air throbs with this, the latest popular song, and of which the *Daily Mirror* gave the musical score of the refrain on Saturday.

In a few weeks it has swept from Spain and France across Europe, has landed in England, and has torn across the Atlantic.

It is sung by the maid and whistled by the errand-boy; the postman walks to it, and the Cabinet Minister hums it in his study.

"Never before," said Messrs. Chappell and Co., the publishers, to the *Daily Mirror*, "has a song so quickly attained universal popularity."

Over 2,000 bands are playing it in England. Arranged for the pianoforte, it has now reached its 240,000th copy. In addition it is being sold, in song form, as no song has ever sold before.

## JUVENILE "JACK SHEPPARD."

Escapes from Reformatory, and Repeats the Theft of Which He Was Previously Convicted.

Walter Andrews, or Dyxon, a sixteen-year-old pageboy, was sent back to the reformatory from which he had recently escaped, on conviction at the Tower Bridge Police Court on Saturday, of stealing 16s. 6d. from a baker's shop and £20 worth of money and jewellery from the house of his former employer, Mr. Messent, of Clapham Park.

On his escape he went to his former master's house while the family were at breakfast, stole £14 worth of the same jewellery which he had stolen before, and £6 in money.

At to-morrow's meeting of the L.C.C. a report will be received from the Fire Brigade Committee dealing with the two fires which have occurred on the "Underground" since the adoption of electric traction.



## ENGLAND WINS CALCUTTA CUP.

After a Great Game at Inverleith Scotland Were Beaten by 3 Tries to 1.

## SIMPSON'S BRILLIANT TRY.

BY TOUCH JUDGE.

At last! The England fifteen beat Scotland at Inverleith on Saturday, winning by three tries to a try, and, what is more to the point, won on their merits. It is our first win since the victory over Ireland at Blackheath two years ago, when we had the rare spectacle of a moderate Irish pack. It was all a big surprise on Saturday, even more so than the Irishmen's win over Wales the week before, but it was a thoroughly genuine affair.

The Calcutta Cup comes south, and a little band of Englishmen, after many disappointments, returned home happy. There will be general rejoicing that England's run of ill-success has at length ended. Even Scots will hardly regret the result.

Strange as it may seem, England's success was brought about mainly by the cleverness of the backs. The committee cannot take any credit to themselves on the score of perspicacity. The match was won in spite of them. The dropping-out of Imrie forced Raphael on to the wing—his proper place—and with Birkett and Shewring together we had at last two competent centres. It was in the centre that we were let down, both against Wales and Ireland; but with the weak point improved out of all knowledge, all went well with the side.

### Stoop in His Oxford Form.

As it happened, the inability of Jago to make the journey did not have any effect on the combination at the base of the scrumming. Peters and Stoop worked together admirably, the latter having quite one of his best days. Once Stoop came through with a run reminiscent of his Oxford days, dodging right through and clearing Scouler, but before he could get in his stride for the run home he was pulled down from behind.

Raphael had a similar experience, with this difference, that he was well on the run when he was overtaken. He lost England a try through sheer lack of pace. The way was absolutely clear for him, but he could not run fast enough. Forbes pulled him down, as he also did Stoop, but those were the only two decent things the Watsonian three-quarter did in the match. Otherwise, he was a failure, ruining more than one good chance. In that respect he was only in the same boat with the other Scottish three-quarters. They all played more or less badly, and practically lost their side the match.

### Dogged English Forwards.

For the Scottish forwards one can only have words of praise. They played magnificently all through, getting the ball frequently in the scrum and making a number of fine rushes. They were clearly better than their opponents, but they could not break up the English pack. The latter hung on with dogged determination, often hustled about, but never going to pieces, and being full of play right to the last. The Scots, from back, however, had the best of the argument, and had they been properly supported behind the match might easily have had a different ending.

In the first half the play was of moderate quality, and the only incidents worth recording were those which ended in scores. After a pretty back play, in which Peters scored a glorious try, and having after fifteen minutes' play, and at the end of half an hour Purves gained Scotland's try after good work on the part of Munro. For the most part the spectators were treated to a lot of loose scrumming, and some faulty kicking, for which a boisterous and eccentric wind was largely responsible.

### Play Full of Life and Incident.

The second half was full of life and incident. Five minutes after the interval, Simpson picked up a cross-kick by Raphael, to the surprise of McLeod, dodged through the centre, and raced past the remaining opposition, scoring a brilliant try. A quarter of an hour later Birkett started in a determined manner a movement that began near the English line and ended in Mills going over with the third try. Shewring, Peters, and Kelly were also concerned in it. In the last five or six minutes the Scots had all the best of it, but their passing was weak. They ought certainly to have scored, but then the English defence was wonderfully good.

So the international tourney has come to an end, and a fine old muddle the form is in. With two wins and a defeat each, Wales and Ireland divide the honours of first place, and Scotland and England are together at the other end, with two best tries and one victory each. Still, we have got that blessed cup, which is no concern of either Ireland or Wales, and there is much joy in the Southern camp.

## LAST NIGHT'S NEWS ITEMS.

In order to support a local professional football team the Tunbridge Wells Town Council proposes to raise the rates a halfpenny.

At Christie's on Saturday Morland's "Deserter Pardoned" realised 1,350 guineas.

Locally known as "Aunt Sophie," Miss S. Smith, of Brixton, has just died at the age of 101.

Dr. Rutherford Harris, elected M.P. for Dulwich during his absence in Japan, arrived in England on Saturday.

Mrs. Langtry was among the passengers who arrived at Southampton from the Cape on Saturday by the Kildonan Castle.

Seventy members of the Ladies' Automobile Club visited Montreal, Sevenoaks, at the invitation of the Countess of Amherst on Saturday afternoon.

Many of the royal servants from Windsor Castle and Buckingham Palace attended the funeral at Slough on Saturday of Mr. T. S. Sands, for many years coachman to Queen Victoria.

Mr. Chamberlain, explaining his inability to be present at a dinner on Saturday, stated that on account of his health he was forced to decline all dinner invitations not directly connected with his work.

Mr. Haldane is to be asked in the House of Commons to-day whether he will order an inquiry to be made as to the cause of the amount of crime in the 16th Lancers during the twelve months ending February 28 last, seeing that during that period seventy-five courts-martial were held in the regiment.

Mr. Keir Hardie declared at Merthyr Tydvil on Saturday that he considered the Army should be reduced to 220,000 men, the strength of ten years ago.

Mr. Fisher Unwin is publishing to-day Mr. Percy Fitzgerald's biography of Sir Henry Irving.

Lord Glasnau, whose death occurred on January 6, left net personality amounting to £96,706 12s. 4d.

"Asquith" golf jerseys, designed by Mrs. Asquith, were a feature of the Lansdowne House Irish sale of work on Saturday.

Six of the L.C.C. steamboats will be moored off Hammersmith Bridge on Boatrace day, April 7, to enable passengers, at special rates, to view the race.

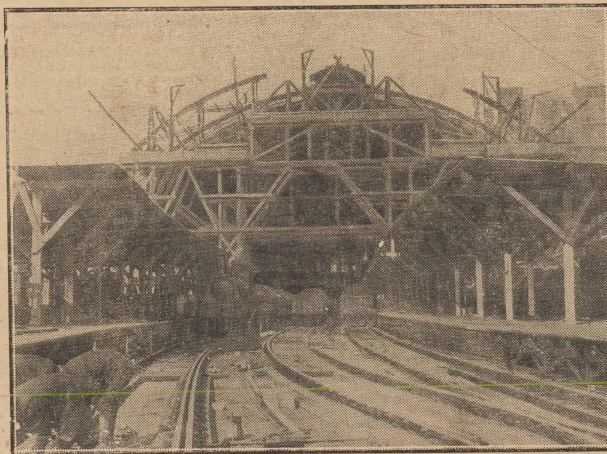
Sir Alfred Jones sailed from Liverpool on Saturday for the Grand Canaries to take part in the festivities which have been arranged for the visit of the King of Spain a week hence.

The King was represented by Lord Suffield at the service on Saturday at the Chapel Royal, St. James's Palace, in memory of Lady Sandhurst, who was buried at Althorp, Northamptonshire.

After many perilous adventures in the China seas during the Russo-Japanese war the crew of the cargo steamer Carlisle, which was blown up off Saigon on January 3, reached Southampton on Saturday.

Having lost a bet to M. Yves Guyot that the fiscal policy would win the English general election, M. Lazare Weiller, a French merchant, gave a dinner of fifty covers, which was the stake, in Paris on Saturday night.

## CHARING CROSS RAILWAY STATION REOPENS.



Closed since December 6 through the roof falling in, Charing Cross Railway Station reopens to-day. The photograph shows how it appears at present.

Viscount Hayashi, the Japanese Ambassador, leaves England to-day for a holiday in Japan.

At Nice on Saturday, Princess Christian presided at the opening ceremony of the Queen Victoria Memorial Hospital.

John Savage, stationmaster at Three Bridges, was knocked down by a passenger train on Saturday and seriously injured.

Mr. Isidore de Lara has been commissioned to write a new grand opera, the book having been suggested by Mme. Calvé, who will play the leading rôle.

Yesterday H.R.H. Princess Louise, Duchess of Argyll, celebrated her fifty-eighth birthday. Princess Louise has for some months past been touring with the Duke of Argyll in Egypt.

Yet another English art treasure has gone to America, the New York Metropolitan Museum of Art having purchased from the estate of the late Stanhope Forbes the Millais portrait of Miss Ellen Terry as Portia.

The will of the Rev. Dr. Harward Turner, who died on January 23 in Paris, stated that "no person beneficially interested under this will or codicil thereto shall attend my funeral under pain of forfeiture of his interest."

The Bethnal Green Board of Guardians have decided to ask the Local Government Board to hold an inquiry into the working of the Metropolitan Asylums Board, in view of the ever-increasing expenditure of that body.

Photographs of "Louis Conan Doyle" and "Mary Conan Doyle" said to be the mother and sister of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, were produced at Worship-street on Saturday, when two men were remanded in connection with the theft of a package containing them.

Eleven shillings has been demanded of the addressee as duty on a 5s. packet of cigarettes sent from Leicester to France.

As a result of a scratch by one of her cats, Miss Mary Morris, of the Old Vicarage, Caistor, has died at the age of seventy-six.

Within a few hours of receiving the King's Cup for the amateur skating championship Mr. Albert E. Tibbit became the father of a little son.

Mr. James Annand, M.P., proprietor of the "Ripon Observer," who died suddenly on February 9, left £10,516 15s. 3d. net personality.

Mr. Thomas Whitmore, a Swansea inventor, has, it is stated, been offered £25,000 for the patent rights of a new form of steamboat propeller.

To meet German competition the Clyde Bridge Steel Company, near Glasgow, have decided to lay down a plate-rolling mill which will be the largest in Great Britain.

The Council of the London Chamber of Commerce, on the recommendation of its Commercial Education Committee, has decided to hold an examination in Esperanto on May 30.

Mercedes Lopez, a Mexican, is said to possess the longest head of hair in the world. Her height is five feet, and when she stands erect her hair trails on the ground four feet eight inches.

In order to avoid spoiling Hindhead by the erection of telephone poles and wires, it has been arranged to carry the new trunk line to Portsmouth along the railway between Witley and Haslemere.

No evidence of identification being forthcoming at the inquest on Saturday on the body of the unknown man found at the foot of the Dover cliffs, an open verdict was returned. This makes the third fatality of the kind at Dover within a fortnight.

## THEATRES AND MUSIC-HALLS.

**DELPHI (Strand).**—Manager, Otho Stuart.—TO-MORROW (Tuesday), March 29, at 8.15. FIRST PERFORMANCE OF

Shakespeare's Comedy, **MEASURE FOR MEASURE.**

**FIRST MATINEE,** Wed., 21st March, and every succeeding Sat. and Wed. at 2.30.  
OSCAR ASCHER, FRANK BRINTON,  
Walter Hampden, Frances Dillon,  
Alfred Brimble, R. Ian Penny,  
E. Harcourt Williams, H. H. Hignett,  
Henry Kitta, etc.  
Box-office (Mr. Terry). Tel. 2645 Gerrard.

**N.B.—ON THE EVENING OF THE FIRST PERFORMANCE** a book of the play as acted, and containing also full Shakespearean text, will be presented to each member of the audience.

**ALDWYCH THEATRE,** Strand.  
Lessee and Manager, CHARLES FROHMAN.  
TO-NIGHT (Monday), at 8. CHARLES FROHMAN presents ELIZABETH TERRY and SEYMOUR HICKS in a new musical play, entitled

**THE BEAUFY OF BATH,**  
by Seymour Hicks and Cosmo Hamilton. Lyrics by Charles H. Taylor. Music by Herbert E. Haines. **MATINEE** Every SATURDAY. Box-office now open. Tel. 2515 Gerrard.

**HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE.** Mr. TREE.  
TO-NIGHT and EVERY EVENING, at 8.

**MATINEE** EVERY WEDNESDAY, SATURDAY, 2.15. Box Office (Mr. Watts), 10 to 10. No fees. Tel. 1777 Ger.

**IMPERIAL.** LEWIS WALLER.  
TO-NIGHT and EVERY EVENING, at 8.30.

**BRIGADIER GENERAL**  
BY ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE.  
**MATINEE** WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS, at 2.30.

**ST. JAMES'S.**  
**GEORGE ALLEN** and SONS. To-night, 8 sharp, in a New Comedy

**HIS HOUSE IN ORDER,** by A. W. Pinero.  
**MATINEE** EVERY WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY, at 2.

**TERRY'S THEATRE.** JAMES WELCH.  
TO-NIGHT, at 8

**A JUDGE'S MEMORY.**  
**MATINEE, WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS, at 2.30.**

**WALDORF.**—Lessee, The Messrs. Shubert.  
Mr. CYRIL MAUDE and Miss WINIFRED EMERY.

**LAST 5 NIGHTS, at 8.30.**  
**SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER.**  
**LAST MATINEE** WED. NEXT, at 2.30.

**SPECIAL MATINEES, "THE HEIR AT LAW,"**  
TUES., THURS., and SAT. NEXT, 2.30.

**MR. CYRIL MAUDE.**  
Miss Madge Crichon, Mr. Harry Nicholls.  
On and after SATURDAY EVENING NEXT **THE HEIR AT LAW** will be played at every performance.

**THE CANDIDATE.** Tel. 3830 Ger.  
Box-office, 10 to 10.

**WYNDHAM'S.** CHARLES WYNDHAM.  
Last 3 weeks of Sir Charles Wyndham's tenancy, which terminates on Saturday, April 14.

On WED. NEXT, at 8, will be revived  
**FIRST MATINEE** SATURDAY NEXT, at 3.

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## SELF-DENIAL WEEK.

THE Salvation Army is a body for which the *Daily Mirror* has always had and expressed admiration. It has done noble work in rescuing and restarting those who had slipped into the miry ways of poverty and crime. It has given to thousands an ideal which keeps their lives clean and sweet.

Yet there are certain sides to the Salvation Army's activity which seem to be of doubtful wisdom, and there is no reason why these should not be discussed in good faith. One such aspect of the work done by General Booth's wide-spread organisation is greatly in evidence this week.

It is the Self-denial Week of the Army. Not only its members, but all who are in sympathy with its aims are asked to save money every way they can, and to send it to the Salvation Treasury. It is suggested that we should give up riding in cabs, trains, omnibuses, trams; give up tea, coffee, sugar, butter, tobacco, and other small luxuries.

Now, self-denial is a good tonic for weak characters, as well as a good exercise for strong ones. The man who cannot deny himself at times is a slave to his appetites. From the point of view of those who practise it, self-denial is admirable in every way, so long as they do not reduce their physical energy by too much of it. But there is not another point of view from which self-denial of the kind advocated ought to be looked at?

Take the case of the men and women who are accustomed to spend some ten shillings a week on cabs. Say (for the sake of illustration) there are 20,000 such people in London, which is putting the figure very low. That means £10,000 a week for the cabmen out of these 20,000 pockets.

Now, suppose that the owners of these pockets decide to button them up during the Self-denial Week. What is the effect upon cabmen? Their takings are reduced. They and their families have to go short of food. Their rent gets into arrears. And the fact that they suffer from having less to spend means that the shops where they deal must suffer, too.

That is only an illustration, you understand; a parable. But it correctly shows what must happen in a great many cases when the practicers of self-denial suddenly stop spending money which they are accustomed to spend. It is inevitable that those with whom they are accustomed to spend it will have to practise self-denial also, whether they like it or not. And in most cases they belong to the class which is obliged to deny itself all but the bare necessities of existence all the year round.

We must take care, therefore, that our self-denial does not do, on the whole, more harm than good. It may sound paradoxical, but it is quite possible that much of us would be getting nearer the Golden Way if we were to spend during Lent more and not less than we usually spend in ways which give employment to our poorer fellows.

It is more than doubtful charity and unquestionably bad economy to deprive honest, industrious tradesmen and cabdrivers (to take two instances only) of the chance of making ends meet in order to give money away to ne'er-do-weels; or to send Englishmen away to Canada; or to pay for the Salvation Army's religious services.

The worst thing to do with money is to hoard it up. It then becomes utterly useless. The next worst thing is to give it away. The chances are strongly in favour of its having a bad effect rather than a good one. The best thing to do with it is to circulate it freely and to give as many people as possible the opportunity to earn some of it.

"Live and let live" is a good motto. We must not let Self-denial Week induce us to forget it.

H. H. F.

## A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

Our religion is meant to root out our vices, but it often covers, nourishes, and excites them.—*Montaigne.*

# THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

EFFORTS to make of the Strand an endurable, if not a beautiful, street are being persisted in, with admirable optimism, by several authorities in the artistic world, and to-day the Strand Improvement Committee meets at the Royal Academy, under the presidency of Sir Edward Poynter. Something passable might indeed come of the confusion at the lower end of the Strand, where now is a vague piece of land apparently given over to the interesting labours of the excavator. But what can be done for the Trafalgar-square end? Who shall deliver it from its tawdriness and narrowness, from the gold letters scrawled across the fronts of its houses, and from the generally sordid atmosphere which strikes people so painfully who return to it after an absence abroad?

As to the lower end, there is an idea, it is said, of making a fine block of buildings out of that, with a theatre and "arcades." Somehow one cannot help doubting the wisdom of building arcades there. English virtue has never been able to resist them. They often acquire a dubious reputation, and, with a few exceptions, have not proved successes in this country. However, whatever these optimistic people, who have hopes of the regeneration of the Strand, may decide ought to be well considered, since Sir Edward Poynter is there to advise them.

Were he to design the improvements there would probably be something Egyptian or Roman in their style. His imaginations of ancient architecture, of what an ancient street with people in it must have looked like, are wonderfully vivid. His first very successful picture, "Israel in Egypt," had one of these grandiose architectural backgrounds. The

snubbing an American interviewer. As he landed he heard a voice say: "Well, Mr. Gosse, has our glorious country improved since you visited it forty-two years ago?" "Well," replied the victim, "I don't know, since I am only thirty-five." The interviewer was confusing Mr. Gosse with his father.

One of the most distinguished of living Frenchmen, M. Catulle Mendès, has just had a new play produced at the Odéon in Paris. The plot is made out of the career of the poet Galigny, whom many Frenchmen now alive can remember. Will a new province be opened to the dramatist by this precedent? When in want of a story all you will have to do in the future, so it seems, will be to put on the stage some incident of the life of a contemporary or of a friend recently dead.

M. Mendès's play is, I hear, poetically but not dramatically effective. He is, on the whole, not very fortunate in his choice of subjects. Thus, his last comedy, "Scarron," turned round the dreary and crippled life of a choleric man. Scarron's part was an immensely long one, and was played by Coquelin, who had to remain seated in a high-backed chair during the entire performance, since Scarron was always too ill to move. The result was rather a painful and monotonous picture. However Mendès may fail, though, as a dramatist, he is certainly an amazing man, as youthful in spirit as a boy, and perpetually filled with new projects and adventurous schemes.

He was always wilful and enthusiastic. As a young man he fell irredeemably in love with one of Théophile Gautier's daughters, Judith Gautier, an

## JOHN BULL AND HIS WAR DOG.



"Don't you think he's losing some of his teeth, John?"  
"Yes; but he can bite pretty well yet."—*Cleveland Plain-Dealer.*

idea for the painting, which represents a crowd of men hauling an Egyptian idol through the city of their captivity, came to him suddenly at a sketching club to which he belonged as a young man.

Every evening the members of the club used to propose some subject to be worked up. That evening "Work" was the subject chosen, and young Poynter's conception of it met with such applause that he made it afterwards into the picture that brought him into notice. This was bought by a well-known engineer, who, in his practical way, pointed out that the great stone idol on the car could not be moved by the comparatively few men seen tugging at it. So Sir Edward had to paint in a larger number of toiling slaves in deference to this expert's opinion.

We thought that we had got rid of the Rokeby Velasquez, and that all discussion about it (or her) was at an end. But no; Mr. Edmund Gosse wants to know how she (or it) was bought, by whom, and what was the nature of the transaction involved, and he has written to the "Times" to ask for an explanation. One is not much surprised to hear Mr. Gosse's name mentioned in connection with any literary or artistic matter, since he has read everything there is to be read in five or six European languages, and has studied most of the world's important pictures, too.

He has now a very pleasant position as Librarian of the House of Lords, but he worked for many years as translator to the Board of Trade. He had rooms in the old Government offices of this department, and accumulated vast stores of books there, so that, when he had to move, it became a formidable task to get the volumes taken away. Of course, Mr. Gosse has been to America to lecture, and it is said that he actually succeeded in

extraordinarily beautiful and attractive girl, who is now well known as a writer of books. Gautier, who could no more save money than he could fly up to the moon, had had this charming person taught Chinese, because he believed that if he died and left her penniless she would be able to make a living by translating or adapting stories from that language, which few people in Paris, besides herself, would be likely to know.

Gautier did not view with unmixed pleasure the arrival of Catulle Mendès as suitor for his daughter's hand. But the lovers being sentimental, young, and good-looking (as well as ridiculously poor), felt themselves justified in disregarding the older man's advice, and got married in spite of it. Runaway marriages have a way of turning out ill. The first Mme. Mendès is now divorced from her husband, calls herself Judith Gautier again, and spends her time in writing curious novels in the Chinese manner.

As to this interesting man's feeling for literature, it is shown by the story of his quarrel with a fellow-critic over the performance of "Hamlet" by Mme. Bernhardt. M. George Vanor was the other critic. He met M. Mendès on the first night of the new "Hamlet," and told him that the Prince ought to be represented as a fat man, since he was "scant of breath" in the duel scene. M. Mendès abruptly contradicted this judgment, turned his back, and departed. M. Vanor followed him, and made a few more remarks. Whereupon Mendès, losing self-control, struck him in the face, and was turned knucked down a flight of stairs by M. Vanor. Whence resulted a duel, in which Mendès, who is no swordsman, got badly wounded, and had plenty of time to reflect upon the problem of Hamlet's fatness in bed during the illness that followed.

## THROUGH THE "MIRROR."

### LABOUR-ENGLISH AND CHINESE.

The Chinaman on the Rand has a secure three years' contract. He is well housed, well fed, and very liberally paid.

The English working class exists in almost all cases under a sweating system. They have absolutely no tenure in connection with their work. The weeklings and all the best-class workmen over forty may be discharged at a week's notice and thrown upon the rates.

Then take their surroundings. They live in tenements under rack-renting landlords. Their hours, from the time they start in the morning, and their long journeys to business and back, would horrify a yellow man.

I trust the Government will turn their attention not to the comforts of Chinese labour, but to the cruel circumstances under which our poor countrymen and women are compelled to exist.

FOTTENHAM FARMER, M.R.C.S.  
Bromley-by-Bow.

### A PUPIL TEACHER'S RING.

Is it not absurd and farcical that the educational authorities should dismiss a teacher for wearing an engagement ring, and yet employ married women, who, I am told, form a large proportion of the Council's teachers?

Is it right that female teachers should retain their posts after marriage? Teachers will tell you that they earn every day of their long holidays by the great effort they make in teaching the large number of children under their charge daily. If this is so, then something has to be neglected when they marry.

Is it their home and children or their school duties?  
Syrdenham, S.E. CONSISTENT.

### THE USE OF THE SNAIL.

Canon Horsley has been recommending snails as food, and he is backed up by your correspondent from Bristol.

In this village, too, there is a person who has eaten snails and small slugs for years, and he certainly looks well on them; he says that there would be less consumption and cancer were the benefits of snails more widely known.

If this is a fact—and who can say that it is not?—there ought to be some way of bringing the use of snails before the public.  
W. B. T. Crowthorne.

### KEEPING THE SABBATH.

I endorse the remarks of "Sabbath Keeper" in Friday's issue. I am in favour of the closing of public-houses on the Lord's Day.

I think, too, that Sunday League concerts should be discontinued, that no newspapers should be sold, and that all shops be closed. I learn that a music-hall in Hackney-road is opened on Sundays; and another disgrace is that Radical clubs, where drink is sold, are allowed to be open also.  
SRO. London.

## A MAN OF THE MOMENT.

### Mr. Henry Broadhurst, M.P.

HIS decision to retire, forced upon him by ill-health, will deprive the Labour Party of one of its most experienced members—of one who belonged to it in the days when the cause was represented by a negligible minority, and had none of the importance that it can claim to-day.

The date of Mr. Broadhurst's entry into Parliament was 1880. He has worked as a journeyman stonemason, his father's trade, from his boyhood until 1872, and he actually took part in the building of the House of Commons, which he was later on to have a right to sit in.

Perhaps that fact was not widely known, or perhaps his responsibility had been trifling. It might have been awkward for him had members risen to move that he should be censured for the draughts, which have killed so many politicians, or for the lack of seating accommodation in the illustrious place.

Mr. Broadhurst has, however, managed to live through many years of the draughts there. He has had time to do many other things as well—as Secretary to the National Council of the Trades Union Congress, for instance, from 1875 to 1890, and Under-Secretary to the Home Office for a few months in 1886. Now that his health no longer allows him these exertions, he will be followed into a rest well earned by the good wishes of all who knew him in the House, as well as by those of the working men on whose behalf he has toiled, unaffectedly and courageously, for so long.

### IN MY GARDEN.

MARCH 18.—It is possible to make a garden out of almost any piece of ground. If the soil is sunken and dry, there are many plants which will flourish there. If it is always damp several beautiful subjects will be at home in the moist borders.

For instance, the yellow-water-lily grows freely in such a situation, and the single and double caltha palustris (marsh marigold) will be gay in late spring.

The minulus (monkey-flower) is very charming for wet places, while the purple loosestrife is one of the best of hardy flowers. The Kampeferia arisa should also be grown; round them the graceful "grass of Parnassus" (found wild in England) may star the ground with white.  
E. E. T.



# SNAPSHOTS OF WEEK-END SPORT



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(1) Passing by Woolwich and (2) Was it a foul? in the match at Woolwich, won by Woolwich Arsenal against Derby County. (3) Carrick, of Tottenham, shooting at goal and (4) Shackleton heading a goal in the match at Tottenham, won by Tottenham Hotspur by 3 goals to 1 against Millwall. (5) London Welsh beat Blackheath by 11 points to 6 points at Blackheath. (6) Lord Dalmeny, in the Oakley Hunt Point-to-Point Steeplechase. (7) The Hon. G. Ward driving in Stock Exchange and Cricketers' golf match at Byfleet.

## SALVATION ARMY SELF-DENIAL WEEK.



For a week, commencing last Saturday, when these photographs were taken by the *Daily Mirror*, the Salvation Army hope to raise £75,000 by self-denial and street collections.



A vain request for a donation to a passenger by the Waterloo and City Railway.



A juvenile contributor. The Salvation Army box appeals forcibly to children.



Pressing the collection-box on City men as they arrive by tube railway.

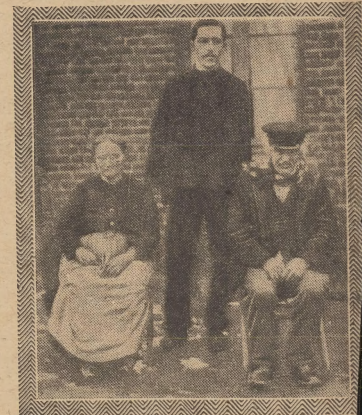
## PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE



On the left is a group of miners who have volunteered bodies of their dead comrades. On the right the bodies of the dead.



On the left a pathetic portrait of an old woman who has lost her husband and grandsons in all. On the right a young boy who has lost every member of his family.



The old couple on the left lost twenty-seven sons in the war. The young boy on the right is one of the survivors; he has lost every member of his family.



# CH MINE DISASTER



...adly gases of the mine to search for the  
...with his fourth match, struck a light and saw



...le member of her family—nineteen sons  
...the fatherless children.



...the Courrières disaster. The son photo-  
...On the right is a street at Mericourt, which  
...the exception.

## PRESENTING THE QUEEN'S SHAMROCK.



Saturday being St. Patrick's Day the Irish  
Guards were, at Aldershot, presented by the  
Queen each with a piece of shamrock.



After the presentation to the Guards the spec-  
tators were each given a spray.



Sergeant-Major Baylis, of 1st Irish Guards,  
carrying the Queen's shamrock.



Watering the shamrock.

# NEWS VIEWS

## LADY LANSDOWNE AT HOME.



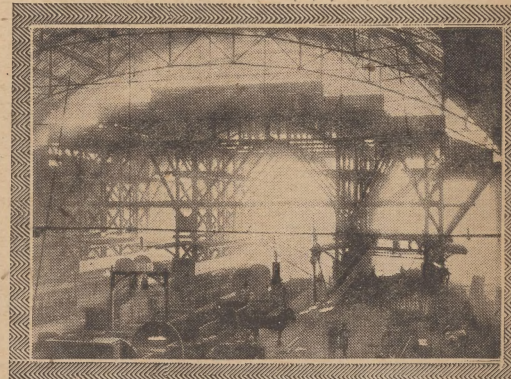
Over £123,559 has been realised for the poor of Ireland by the annual  
sales of the Royal Irish Industries' Association. On Friday and Satur-  
day this year's sale was held at Lansdowne House.

## LORD ROBERTS AT ALDERSHOT.



On Saturday Lord Roberts visited Aldershot to be present at the St.  
Patrick's Day football match between the Irish Guards and the Royal  
Irish Hussars. Lord Roberts is marked by a cross.

## CHARING CROSS STATION RE-OPENED.



Taken on Saturday, this photograph shows Charing Cross Station as  
it will appear to passengers to-day, when it is reopened after the col-  
lapse of the roof on December 5th.



# By Right of Love.

By ALICE and CLAUDE ASKEW.

## CHARACTERS IN THE STORY.

**PAUL CHESTER**, a clever, handsome young man, with great political ambitions.  
**LADY SUSAN CHESTER**, his wife.  
**THE DUKE and DUCHESS OF BERKSHIRE**, the coming Prince of Wales and his beautiful wife.  
**RUPERT TEMPLE**, the Duke's private secretary.  
**LORD ROBERT AYLMER**, cousin to Lady Susan Chester, whom he loves.

## CHAPTER XXV. (continued).

Henrietta hated to feel—so terribly clever were her moods, her emotions—that her day of imperial power was over, that she had met her master. And yet in a way the knowledge was wonderfully sweet. For all women have a great desire to cast themselves on their knees before the beloved, and raise adoring hands and eyes.

She was in no hurry, though, for affairs to develop, or for her friend to merge into her lover. 'She wanted things to ripen slowly, very slowly, yet she was quite certain in the depths of her own heart that one day in the far future, when she had made Paul a very great man indeed, and when all the world and the kings of the world bowed down to him—oh, she knew that in the hour of his great triumph it would please her strange wild nature to come to him and claim him boldly as her lover—her mate.

It would be a terrific sensation, so she told herself, to claim Paul Chester in the hour of his supreme triumph, and to call to him to put aside his newly-won honours, even the very sceptre of empire, at her nod—to bid him laugh at the world he had conquered, and lose its crown lightly on one side as a toy no longer of any value.

What a tremendous exit from the social stage would be theirs—hers and Chester's! Each would step down from thrones to meet the other, and so pass out, hand-in-hand, bold and unashamed. Pass out to find the best thing of all—splendid human passion, warm exultant love.

She was prepared to wait for this day—to wait years, if need be—for Paul must climb high, and with her help. He must owe everything to her, and then—why, then the man she had crowned she would uncrown, for with the cup of earthly power in his hand Paul must dash down the golden chalice to drink of richer wine—even of a woman's lips; and Henrietta swore to herself that till the hour came when she would take Chester as her mate and her lover before the eyes of men she would hold herself apart from him—for he must give up the world for her sake before he made her his. She would have no miserable atmosphere of intrigue mixed up in her relations with him. She was too proud and fierce to sink to the level of the women who would so humiliate themselves to their maids and their servants because of the lovers who meet them by stealth.

No; when she wanted Chester she would claim him, but all who knew them should witness their splendid shame; and then, after taking farewell of the past, to what green fastness should they fly—to what strong, primitive land?

She dreamed of the vast continent of Africa, of virgin forests, untrod by men—rushing rivers cleaving the brown earth like sharp, bright swords; of the hippopotamus scrunching his way through the grass which is higher than a man's head; of the roar of the lion at night. And all that was pagan and primitive in her stirred at these thoughts; and lying on her great bed, restless and awake, she would stretch out her arms and think of what it would be to sleep under the cool shelter of a tent surrounded by the wild. And a thirst awoke in her—a quenchless thirst. She grew hungry for adventure; she wanted to smell the real, true smell of the earth, and to forget modern habits and modern ways.

Yet no woman could have looked more exotic, or less disposed to a return of primitive savagery, than Henrietta as she stood up and faced her Duke. Her lips twisted into a mocking smile—her eyes keen and intolerant. For what a mountain of flesh the great man was, this husband of hers who was always half-asleep, and whom she despised in her heart.

"I don't know that I feel particularly sleepy," He stretched himself as he spoke, then gazed at his wife with half-closed lids. "But it would be foolish to be too wide awake, wouldn't it, Henrietta, alive to everything that was going on around one? The people who keep their eyes open are generally unhappy; they see too much."

She stared at him, puzzled by his words, reading a deeper meaning in them than perhaps he meant; then, with a slight, almost imperceptible shrug of the shoulders, she plunged into the subject to discuss which she had made her way to the study.

"Are you going to suggest to Hartington that Mr. Chester should stand for the town? You know I asked you to think about the matter some days ago. Mr. Walpole is dying—that is an open secret—and the seat will have to be fought for before long."

Her husband nodded his head.

"Why should I suggest manufacturing towns like Hartington be offered to an unknown man like Paul Chester?" he asked stolidly. "Of course, the party would ask him to stand, if I

made a personal matter of it. But why should I, Henrietta, why should I?" He bent his brows. She clenched her white, nervous hands.

"Why should you, William? Just because Paul Chester is a brilliant speaker and one of the cleverest men I have ever met. He is unknown to-day, but let him once address Hartington, and he won't be unknown to-morrow. Don't you want to discover a new man? Is there nothing audacious about you, nothing bold?"

He laughed. "I don't say that you are not right in your estimate of Paul Chester, Henrietta, and he may be the unknown man we are all waiting for—the possible successor to my mantle; but your swans have sometimes turned out to be geese, you know. What about your cousin Rupert, whose brains you held in such high estimation once? He has simply become a plodding drudge—a man who takes no real interest in his work. And then young Lord Lamcaster—he was another man you asked me to take up. You've discovered a good many people who were all going to do great things, but somehow they haven't."

His look was cynical. "I've lost interest in them—that's why," She spoke with rapid utterance. "Besides, not one of them could approach Mr. Chester either in brains, in force, or in will. He's a man; the others were just puppets, cardboard puppets, my puppets."

"I see," He rested his hands heavily on the arms of his chair, then he moistened his lips with his tongue. "Suppose," he said slowly, quietly, "that we try a different experiment this time, Henrietta—that you hand over Chester to me. Give up playing the part of the kind, political godmother, and let me take up the rôle. Don't you think it will be better for Chester himself and for all of us?"

She flushed—a warm flush that dyed the nape of her neck and mounted to the roots of her hair.

"What do you mean? I don't quite understand," she murmured.

"I mean this," He brought his hand down with a smack on his big leg. "There are possibilities in Chester—I see that just as well as you do—and I am willing to give him a fair chance of making a name for himself. But he must belong to me, Henrietta, not to you. He must be my henchman, not my wife's courtier—the duke's favourite, not the Duchess's."

He rose from his seat and stood up big and dominant, and he was not the mere fat, drowsy man he had been a few moments ago—he was something larger, stronger.

She bit her lip. "I don't care who helps Mr. Chester as long as he gets on—you or I." Her voice was vague and toneless.

"That's all right, then," The great Tory leader put his hand lightly enough on his wife's shoulder. "Chester shall be one of my young men," he said, and Henrietta knew that the words were a promise.

## CHAPTER XXVI.

The air was full of the merry chiming and jangling of the Christmas bells—bells, which may mean so much or so little, according to the mood of the listener—and bright December sunshine streamed through the breakfast-room window of Amplett Court and glittered on the shining appointments of the table.

A somewhat large family-party were gathered round it to do justice to their breakfast, for it had pleased Lord Amplett and his wife to descend with their two unmarried daughters upon the Chesters for Christmas, and Susan, directly she had heard that Millicent was coming, had asked Lord Robert Aylmer as well. For she was determined to do her best for Milly, and to try and bring off the match that the young girl had set her heart upon.

Not only the concern she felt for her sister moved Susan to this course of action, but she honestly believed it would be the best thing for Robert himself. It could do her cousin no good, so she reflected, to waste his life dreaming hopelessly of a married woman like herself. Besides, she was sure that, once married to Milly, he would grow to love the merry, laughing girl, and wonder how he had ever preferred the grave elder sister.

For Susan was beginning to hold herself in very humble estimation. She did not realise that her pale, delicate face had a curious attraction of its own, or that the look of brooding sorrow in her eyes would have made most people anxious to know more of her story.

She had developed curiously within the last few months. Ever since her marriage she had been calm and unemotional in manner, and had presented the appearance of a woman who might be, perhaps, a little bored, slightly ennuied with the good things of this life—a woman who wanted waking up. But now there was more in Susan's face than mere languid indifference. It was a face which hinted at all sorts of strange possibilities; also she had lost her cool and toneless manner. She was restless, and could never keep still for long, but must always be up and doing, and she watched her husband with a curious, wistful scrutiny.

She was watching him this morning at breakfast, her eyes hardly moving from his face, her brow puckered.

(To be continued.)



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## THE MONEY MARKET.

Foreign Exchanges Threaten English Gold Supplies.

### PARIS BUYS KAFFIRS.

CAPEL COURT, Saturday.—A fine day nearly always helps to cheer the Stock Markets, and as at the same time politics and money are shaping favourably the tendency to-day has been quite encouraging, although the state of business still leaves something to be desired. Rather curiously Consols and other gilt-edged securities have ignored the return to easier conditions in Lombard-street, and the premier security has drooped to 90 7-16.

This was perhaps due to the somewhat adverse movements in the Foreign exchanges, which threaten our gold supplies, and bullion brokers were saying to-day that Paris will probably secure most of the metal arriving in the open market on Monday. This is not very satisfactory, but the Bank should be able to secure most of the sovereigns which the India Council is periodically purchasing in connection with the grant of telegraphic transfers on India. It will thus be seen that there is really nothing very much amiss with the money situation.

### RAILWAY AMALGAMATION ABANDONED.

Great Central and Lancashire, Derbyshire, and East Coast Railway stocks have naturally been adversely affected by abandonment of the amalgamation scheme. It seems that the opposition offered by the North-Eastern was too strong. The Underground Railway stocks have been rather depressed, but the rest of the market has shown firmness, being encouraged no doubt by the fine weather which should favourably affect week-end traffics.

The American market has not been very much influenced by talk of a settlement with the miners, and thus preventing a huge coal strike. There was some idea that the Bank statement would not be so favourable this week, and the market merely marked time waiting for advices from New York. The Steel Corporation figures were not altogether liked.

For some weeks past dealers in the Grand Trunk market have been quite modest in their estimates of the Grand Trunk traffic, and, happily for the "bulls," yesterday's forecast was for an increase of from £7,000 to £10,000. The market was therefore agreeably surprised with the increase of £12,542, and it was not long before the various issues were hoisted well above yesterday's prices. The same buoyancy was lacking in Canadian Pacifics, which showed practically no alteration in value. Rosarios continue to be bought in the Argentine Railway group, but one or two other issues were dull. There was a very fair traffic increase of 5,900 dollars to help Mexican Rails.

### INCREASED DEMAND FOR COPPER.

The excellent copper statistics stimulated the demand for copper shares, and values improved. Paris seemed to be giving support to her favourites, but it was noticed that there was very little business passing in the Foreign market.

South Africans have shown quite a fair amount of strength, although the best prices were not maintained to the close. Paris was a buyer of some of the leading shares, and in the Rhodesian section Charterhouse's rather bid for, perhaps on the report which was being sent out to the shareholders to-day. A harder tendency was noticeable in the West African group, but West Africans were idle and quite featureless.

London Assurance issues were in some demand on the dividend and report. The Nitrate group was firm in expectation of the combination being arranged, and on the whole Miscellaneous securities were rather easier.

### AN APOLOGY.

In our recent report, under the heading of "Ex-Soldier's Mean Deceit," a prosecution at the Westminster Police Court against one Alfred Williams, discharged from the Army, which appeared in our issue of the 14th ult., it was stated "that for imposing upon Mr. Algernon Tudor Craig, secretary of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society, the said Alfred Williams was charged with obtaining charitable contributions; that by means of letters representing distress and his own illness during foreign service he obtained assistance; and that the police had ascertained that he was not married, and had previously obtained money by false pretences."

As the result of these proceedings, Williams, who was already undergoing imprisonment, was sentenced to three months' hard labour, but unfortunately by a clerical error it was inadvertently stated in our report that it was Mr. Craig who was sentenced. This was obviously a mistake, and in our issue of the following day we rectified it, and expressed our regrets that it should have caused any unpleasantness or inconvenience to Mr. Craig. We now beg again to confirm this rectification, and tender our sincere regrets and apology to Mr. Algernon Tudor Craig for the mistake.

## HIGH TIDE AND FLOODS AT ANTWERP.



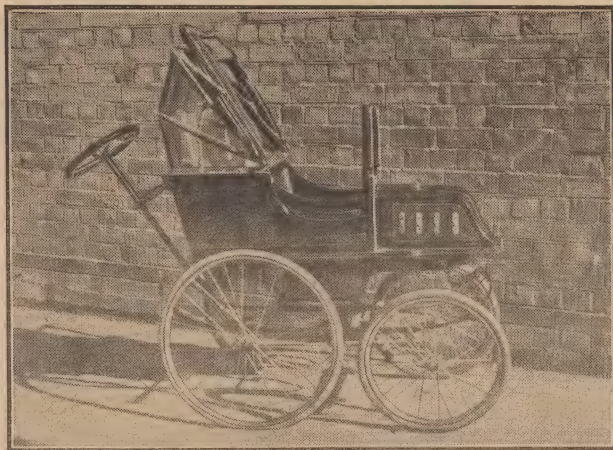
Enormous damage has been caused in the neighbourhood of Antwerp by floods following the gale and high tides. The photograph shows a flooded street.

### Nos. 34 and 35.—AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHERS' COMPETITION.



Amateur photographers are invited to send interesting news photographs to the *Daily Mirror*. For each one used 10s. 6d. will be paid, and every week a £2 2s. prize will be awarded to the sender of the picture adjudged by the Editor to be the best. Nos. 34 and 35 are sent by Mr. G. Culliford, The Whare, Frances-road, Windsor. The former shows Eton High-street during the last flood, and the latter Mr. A. W. Brown standing in the High-street watching the flood running through his side door.

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## How You May Recognise If You Are Suffering from Any Uric Acid Trouble.

Article No. 7.

Good dining and good living has its advantages. It also has its disadvantages, inasmuch as it has a tendency to give rise to unpleasant feelings, and to derange some, at least, of the bodily functions. Many men and women who, to use a popular expression, "do themselves well," notice that they suffer from sensations of irritation between the fingers, in the palms of the hand, about the ankles and feet, or they can feel small concretions on the outer rim of the ear or under the skin on arms, breast, or legs. These are often followed by acidity, heartburn, or flatulency; after meals there is gouty indigestion or the liver is torpid, and this gives rise to dull aching in the right side, or small reddish grains of uric acid are passed. All these symptoms constitute strong evidence that uric acid is accumulating in the system. These early signs of approaching trouble may be disregarded, and then the patient will begin to find that there is a feeling of stiffness in the joints and muscles, and the old ease and comfort in bending them is lost. The muscles or joints when touched feel tender, and the joints perhaps begin to enlarge.

It is dangerous to ignore these signs of ill-health, which are Nature's warning, and if you ignore the warning you do at your peril. What is it that is wrong in such cases as those referred to? The fact is that the uric acid, which is a waste product of the body, instead of being eliminated, is being retained, is becoming converted into one of the urates, concretions are being formed, and mischief created.

Nature in such cases is failing in the important function of passing uric acid out of the system, and as it is of such great importance that this should be done, it is clear that Nature needs assistance. Something must be used that will dissolve uric acid and soften and break up accumulations of the urates.

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## WEDDING TOILETTE FOR AN EASTER BRIDE.

HOW A BRIDAL ROBE AND GOING-AWAY DRESS MAY BE MADE AT HOME.

Easter will soon be here, and numbers of weddings are arranged for it. But there is plenty of time to make the wedding-dress at home if economy be an object, and as the one seen in the sketch on this page is of the very latest mode, and a pattern for it can be obtained, it can inexpensively be materialised, and should command the attention of many a prospective bride.

Crêpe de Chine is a fabric most highly to be recommended for a wedding-dress that is not to cost a great deal of money. Its recommendations are its softness, the grace with which it drapes the figure, and its utility afterwards as an evening toilette. With this motive in view the dress shown was designed, inasmuch as by the removal of the lace chemisette a full-dress evening costume can be secured.

The skirt is plain, but very full, with a short train, and is unlined, except for a hem, some eight

the pretty puff sleeves are made over a lining and finished with a frill of lace. Ten yards of double-width crêpe de Chine will be required to cut the pattern, which can be supplied to fit a twenty-two, twenty-four, or a twenty-eight inch waist. One yard of lace will cut the yoke, and eight yards of lace edging will be required. Patterns of the bodice and skirt can be obtained separately.

On the left of the bride is shown a pretty and useful costume for a bridesmaid. The design that is illustrated has been particularly chosen with a spring dress for ordinary wear in view. A good material to choose would be cashmere or a very fine faced cloth in one of the new pastel shades of ibis, blue, or pearl grey. The vest, collar, and turn-back cuffs should be made of lace, and the little bows on the bodice, and as well as the centre, are of satin chiffon.

The skirt is made with stitched pleats on each side of the front, while the rest of the fullness is



Full particulars of these charming toilettes will be found in the adjoining letterpress.

or ten inches deep, of silk. It is intended to be worn over a slip or detachable foundation. Avoid a seam down the centre front by laying the pattern to a fold of the material. Join up the pieces of the pattern according to the notches.

The bodice is made on a fitted silk lining, cut low in the neck, and fastened in the centre front. Silk is chosen for the purpose, for though it may be a little more expensive than batiste, it is very much more comfortable and elegant in wear, and so is particularly to be recommended for the auspicious purpose in view. On to the lining the material is mounted; it is gathered at the under-arm seams, and drawn over the lining.

The left side is unattached some two inches from the front, is faced down with material, and drawn up with a little beading, which conceals the hooks beneath. The yoke is separate, and is composed of transparent lace over a double fold of chiffon. It can be made to hook either down the front or over the left shoulder, and is carried down under the arms, in which position it is held by means of two tapes.

The fichu is of crêpe de Chine or mousseline-de-soie, and is lightly tacked on to the bodice, and

disposed of in gathers. On the bodice the stitched pleats are repeated at the shoulder seams.

Yet a third design remains to be explained. It is indicated at the right of the bride, and is intended to suggest a pretty and useful going-away toilette. The dress should be carried out in cloth with a jabot and sleeve frills of soft, white lawn, and gather the rummings upon the revers and cuffs.

The skirt is a becomingly full model, cut to walking length, and finished with a deep hem and tuck, each surmounted by three rows of narrow braid or velvet ribbon. Allow for the skirt four and a quarter yards of double-width material, and for the coat four yards.

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# KEEN CONTESTS FOR LEAGUE POSITIONS.

**Liverpool Strengthened at the Top**  
**—Arsenal in Form—Birmingham's Vigorous Play.**

## FULHAM LOSING GROUND.

BY CITIZEN.

Saturday's League matches were most interesting, and the results will have a far-reaching effect on the final tables, both with regard to the points and also the unfortunate couple who will go down to the Second Division next season. Thus, Liverpool, who beat Middlesbrough by 6 to 1, greatly strengthened their own position at the head of affairs, and their opponents were put down to the last two places—and that in spite of the fact that Bloomer was in the side.

Woolwich Arsenal gave a pretty good display against the weakened Derby County team at Plumstead, and quite deserved their victory, but the crowd would have liked to have seen more of the "Bantams" in their white and blue kit. The "Bantams" were glad to get the points, and at the moment they look safe to steer clear of the last two places.

Preston North End, by beating Aston Villa at Birmingham, accomplished their best performance of the season. With only five defeats against them—three less than any other club—Preston are Liverpool's most dangerous opponents for the championship, and are now only two points behind the leaders. Leeds, the Villa's international, headed the ball through his own goal and scored the only point of the match.

Everton did well to take points at Blackburn, and I am told Crompton was a bit off his game, and that the "Rovers" forwards were lamentable in front of goal. Another Lancashire team, Bolton, who were the Wanderers of Bolton, who, by beating Sheffield Wednesday by a goal to none at Bolton, won their ninth successive League game.

It was a capital performance of Bury's to divide the points with Sheffield United at Bramall-lane, and one which will do much to help them to keep their place. Wolverhampton met with their usual reverse, and although at home were beaten 2-0 by Newcastle United, Birmingham were well beaten at Sunderland, and I notice that Wignome and Gemmell were both ordered off for fighting. Mr. Hart, the chairman of the Birmingham club, took exception to my references to the Birmingham side and their mode of play.

Having seen so much of the "Bantams" in action, I can only say that I was sorry to have to write as I did. Mr. Hart objects to the phrase, "deliberate attempts to injure opponents," but, taking into account the display I am of vigorous tactics on the football field, I cannot pass a lot of what I saw as fair play. The number of fouls given against the "Bantams" is a very strong argument in its strongest answer to this protest. And, moreover, Woodward—England's best centre forward, who played instead right—was hardly likely to play again this season through their vigorous methods.

Stoke ran up a big score against Nottingham Forest, and had by no means more than their due in that great victory. The County, however, proved too good for Manchester City at Trent Bridge, and the team which was such a formidable position a week or two ago are now out of the running for the championship.

In the Second Division Bristol City, Manchester United, Chelsea, and West Bromwich Albion were all beaten, and it is by no means certain which side of the last three will accompany Bristol into the First Division at the end of the season.

## SCOTS BEAT IRELAND.

The third of the "Soccer" internationals of the season at Dublin, on Saturday, ended in a victory for Scotland 1 goal to 0. But, by taking into account the display given by the Irishmen the Scottish eleven cannot look back upon the match with any feeling of pride.

owing to the passing of the home defence, and the authorities when selecting the Irish team, an idea prevailed that Saturday's encounter would be boycotted by the public, but, in fact, the match was put into execution, and some 8,000 spectators assembled.

Ireland started with a strong wind behind them, but the Scots at once attacked, and the home defence was seriously taxed. Hamilton and Walker on the one wing and Fitchie and Smith on the other were prominent, but nothing came of their efforts until the end of the first half the home forwards were fouled out of the Irish half, the home forwards endeavoured to get away being frustrated by the fouling of the Irish half-backs and halves.

A more pretty passing was indulged in by the Scottish forwards, but it was more ornamental than useful. The visitors' attack, indeed, was modelled on incorrect lines, the inside men hanging on the ball too long. The features of the first portion of the match were the sturdy stand made by the Irish defence and the individual efforts of Fitchie, Walker, and Hamilton.

At half-time nothing had been scored. The second half was pretty much a repetition of the first, effective combination being conspicuous by its absence. There was, however, this important difference, that the Scottish forwards, a goal, and this gave them the victory. The point was a result of a goal, and this gave them the victory. The point was a result of a goal, and this gave them the victory.

## SOUTHERN LEAGUE GAMES.

BY F. B. WILSON.

Saturday's football in the Southern League threw but little light on the ultimate outcome of the competition, and the prospects for the season were not very clear, rather than certainty. Until recently the issue seemed to be between Fulham and the "Spurs," but Fulham seem just now to be under the influence of their defence continues as safe as ever; and the "Spurs," since the Cup-ties started, have never played their real game. Now Southampton are taking a strong line, and, though magnificently, and it is quite on the cards that they will just get home and pull the championship out of the mire at the last moment.

After a fairly even first half on Saturday, the Saints tramped the Bristol Rovers by 3 goals to nil. The home side showed great courage, but, though they played very well, they were not able to get a goal. The "Spurs" were very strong in front of goal, and could only draw against Watford on the latter's ground, served, as they are, by a grand "Black Line." Watford, who were weak in defence, frequently, but somehow they seem to have lost their dash and devil just lately, and as an offensive combination, or, rather, a goal-scoring combination, they have proved distinctly disappointing.

Norwich, who were at home to Portsmouth, were again disappointing. The defence was excellent, though they were defeated once, early in the second half. Norwich equalised, but that was all they could do; in fact, they were a trifle on the wrong side, as the game

went, to pouch the single point. Plymouth Argyle, who are in fine form just now, simply smothered New Brompton by 3 goals to 0. Argyle, who were in fine form, played a grand game throughout, combining pace and dash with good, solid judgment. It was a one-sided match throughout, and, on the "Spurs" play, Plymouth were the best side in the Southern League.

Reading just got home against Queen's Park Rangers, at Reading, by 1 goal to 0. The match can only be called a moderate one at the best, and neither side showed really first-class form. West Ham were under a great deal of pressure against Brighton and Hove Athletic, but they managed to effect a pointless draw. Brighton very nearly scored in the first half from a corner, but after a big battle in the goal West Ham cleared himself. In the second half the home side had the best of matters, but Kitchen was very safe in goal, and it was largely owing to him that West Ham secured their one point.

It was a good, bright game at Tottenham, where the "Spurs" at last added another Southern League victory to their list. Shackleton, a youngster who played outside right, gave a promising display. He is singularly like Walton in his methods. The feature of the game was the splendid work of the "Spurs" halves, Bull, Hughes, and Morris. The score of 3 to 1 about represents the play.

Brentford were in fine form at Griffin Park, and beat Swindon by 3 goals to 1. All the Brentford goals were scored in the first half, when the Swindon defence, on the face, a great handicap, and it was only fitting to St. Patrick's Day that Shanks, the Irish international, should score the first goal. Five minutes from the end Swindon scored through Beaumont.

## RESULTS AT A GLANCE.

### ASSOCIATION.

Scotland	1	Ireland	0
Woolwich Arsenal	1	Derby County	0
Preston North End	1	Aston Villa	0
Leeds United	1	Sheffield Wednesday	0
Nottingham Forest	1	Manchester City	0
Everton	1	Blackburn Rovers	0
Sheff. Wednesday	1	Sheff. United	0
Sunderland	1	Birmingham	0
Sheff. United	1	Bury	0
Sheff. United	1	Nottingham Forest	0
Stoke	1	Nottingham Forest	0

### THE LEAGUE—Division I.

Reading	1	Queen's Park Rangers	0
Brighton and Hove	1	West Ham	0
Plymouth	1	New Brompton	0
Norwich City	1	Portsmouth	0
Brentford	1	Swindon	0
Watford	1	Fulham	0

### Division II.

Fulham Reserves	1	Watford Reserves	0
Grays United	1	Southampton Reserves	0
Leyton	1	Swindon Reserves	0

### FOOTBALL—EASTERN.

Leeds United	1	Sheff. United	0
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### FOOTBALL—WESTERN.

Leeds United	1	Sheff. United	0
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A report of the Rugby international between England and Scotland, by "Touch Judge," appears on page 6.

# GOOD SPORT AT KEMPTON.

**"National" Horses Under Review**  
**—Phil May's Smart Display.**

Delightful weather helped visitors to enjoy the good sport provided at Kempton Park on Saturday. The interest taken in the Grand National, and the flip on seeing some of the prospective candidates under silk. In the Spring Handicap Steeplechase Phil May beat Aunt May and others, giving a stylish performance over two miles and a half. His fencing was of the "big" sort, more adapted to the Liverpool country than to Kempton, and his speed superior to any of his opponents. This was quite a different display to that seen at Warwick, and Phil May was to be regarded as a most dangerous rival to the best at Aintree.

Many others than Phil May had previously cut up badly. Dathi went to pieces also at Warwick, where "Cassidy" showed "arm" tons in front of that given in a preceding outing. Roman Law created no favourable impression at Sandown Park when measuring strides against John M.P. in the Liverpool Trial Steeplechase, but on Saturday at Baldoye (Dublin) the horse, who is much liked by a certain Irish division, won the Raheny Steeplechase. The incoherence sustained by the interest among speculators, but some are not obviously easy to explain.

One horse, viz. John M.P., stands out alone at the head of the season's form. It is amusing now to remember that on his reappearance a few months ago, after a considerable time in enforced retirement, he started at no less than 100 to 1 for a hurdle race. His succeeding outings greatly increased his reputation, and now we find John M.P. first favourite at short rates for the Grand National. As little as 5 to 1 was accepted—a ridiculous price, albeit this candidate must be considered the most likely winner of the great Aintree Steeplechase.

Percy Woodland will ride John M.P. at Liverpool. Not a favourite was at Kempton on Saturday till Wylde-ay Campbell was equally well backed, but could get no nearer than fourth. The latter's owner subsequently bought Macanthy for a better price. The tall and well-lighted stable in the Two Mile Steeplechase, wherein Fiskys Billy, although running now too smoothly in the early stages, was a favourite. The "Bantams" were in fine form, and company. Alyth was disqualified for bumping and boring in the Wolsey Hurdle, and the race was awarded to Baron Carleton. The "Bantams" were in fine form, and company. Alyth was disqualified for bumping and boring in the Wolsey Hurdle, and the race was awarded to Baron Carleton.

Followers of steeplechasing will be disappointed to find that the last prepping of the opening of flat racing. Birmingham presents a promising programme for this afternoon, and there is another at admirably-managed Folkestone.

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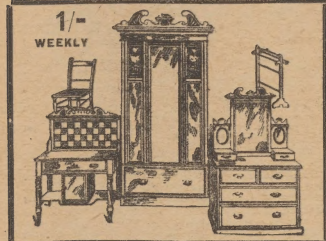
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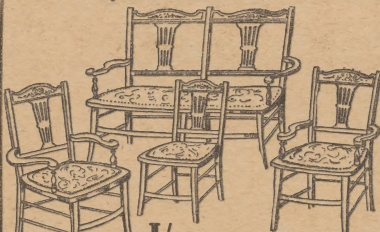
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